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DEMOCRAT FOR SENATOR.

Colonel James M. Guffey Entitled to the Caucus Nomination For Quay's Seat.

HIS CHANCES OF ELECTION.

Three Leading Democrats Aspire For the Speakership, as Fusion Scheme Seems Practicable Only on the United States Senatorship.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, Dec. 20.—Leading Democrats of all elements of the party are gratified over the fact that the conference held here last week passed off so harmoniously. When it was announced that Representative John H. Fow, of Philadelphia, had called a meeting of Democratic members of the legislature, and it became known that he had done so without consultation with the Democrats who are influential in the party organization some anxiety was manifested for the outcome. While the object of the gathering is believed to have been not only to accomplish fusion upon the speakership of the house, but upon the United States senatorship as well, the resolutions adopted by those who participated in the conference simply express a willingness to unite upon matters affecting the organization of the legislature. As State Chairman Garman has said since

CAPTAIN GEORGE W. SKINNER, of Fulton.

the meeting, the United States senatorship is another matter. Democrats generally recognize that they could never vote for John Wanamaker for the United States senate. Wanamaker disappointed the Democracy of the state in the last campaign by his failure to come out in a bold and manly stand for the election of George A. Jenks. Had he done so, instead of giving encouragement to Swallow, Jenks would undoubtedly have been elected, just as Pattison was in the Delamater campaign, when the anti-Quay Republicans burned their bridges behind them and made a brave battle for Pattison and reform. There is but one thing for the Wanamaker Republicans to do now, and that is to stand by a Democrat for the United States senate, regardless of the speakership of the house or anything else. It is conceded by all fair minded Democrats that Colonel James M. Guffey is entitled to the Democratic caucus nomination for the United States senatorship. Colonel Guffey has contributed liberally of his services, time and money in many campaigns, and especially in the recent gubernatorial canvass, for the success of Democratic candidates and the maintenance of Democratic principles.

From a Democratic standpoint the situation presents some complications. As the date for the organization of the house draws near it is becoming more than ever apparent that the agreement of the Republican leaders upon John R. Farr, of Lackawanna, for speaker of the house means that the Republican factional lines will not be as sharply

ROBERT McCAY FOSTER, of Centre.

drawn on the speakership as at first supposed. Farr voted for Wanamaker for United States senator against Penrose, and on this account will be apt to get the votes of many of the members who stood by Wanamaker in the last legislature. Though these men will vote for Farr for speaker, because they believe they will get fair treatment from him, nothing could induce them to vote for Quay's re-election, as in most cases they were elected upon a straight-out anti-Quay platform. The trotting out of Farr as a so-called "harmony candidate" for speaker, after an agreement between Martin and Magee, with the Quay men acquiescing, is recognized as one of those crafty moves at which Quay is an adept. In the opinion of many this has practically blocked the fusion movement for General Koontz, the Somerset county anti-Quay Republican, for speaker.

Probably, after all, it will inure to the advantage of the Democracy on the main point at issue—the senatorship. Many Democratic members of the house who are interested in legislation which they want to put through this winter have hesitated about committing themselves to vote for Koontz or any other independent Republican for speaker, as there has been from the outset grave doubts as to whether the fusion program, as far as it affected the organization of the house at least, could be successfully carried out.

While the Republican fight on the United States senatorship is largely a personal contest between the adherents of Quay and Wanamaker, and the latter's followers are determined to be revenged upon the Beaver boss, the corporations and other large monied interests are concerned about the speakership, which involves the control of the house, and they are not apt to allow an important strategic position to be carried off from their control owing to a factional quarrel among the Republicans. For this, and other reasons, the older Democratic members have little hope of electing a fusion speaker, unless he be a Democrat, while they see great possibilities in the senatorial battle, with Millionaire Wanamaker stripped for battle with Quay.

Among those who were in attendance at the Fow conference there was a positive sentiment that it would probably be better to unite upon some well known Democrat and give him the caucus nomination for speaker and let the Democrats support him without getting mixed up in the Republican squabbles. Captain Skinner, of Fulton, took what many believe to be the proper stand, when he said that the resolution adopted by the conference fully expressed the willingness of the Democrats to unite with the Republicans for the advancement of the interests of the commonwealth, but that it now remains for the independent Republicans to come forward and show their readiness to meet the Democrats half way. These remarks led others after the conference to direct attention to the fact that the Democratic members have their own interests and the interests of their constituents to consider. If they should go blindly into a fusion scheme on the speakership and fail, as the wiser heads are afraid they would, those who participated in the move would become absolutely powerless to secure legislation or to exert their influence in other directions, because the Republican governor and the Republican senate would be against them, and their own body, the house, would be organized against them as well. The old timers who have served in previous legislatures are considering the question whether it is not best to hold aloof from any such entangling alliances, as since the defection of Wanamaker men to Farr the chances of winning out on the speakership are becoming more and more remote. In discussing the general aspect of the case quite a number of the Democratic members of the house while here admitted that they had been urged by friends at home, both verbally and by letter, in view of recent occurrences, not to support an independent Republican for speaker, lest the failure of the scheme to elect him would cripple the

CHARLES B. SPATZ, of Berks.

Democratic members as useful legislators. The desire of the Wanamaker interests to capture the speakership for one of their leaders, General Koontz, can be appreciated by the Democrats, but the query arises where does Democracy come in, and whether defeat of a fusion scheme on the speakership would not be disastrous to the plans on the senatorship.

Some of the most astute Democratic politicians believe that in view of the almost absolute certainty of failure of fusion on the speakership the chances of recognition by individual members of the house by the Republican speaker, will be greater, and the prospects for the election of a Democratic United States senator will be enhanced by Democrats standing by one of the Democratic candidates for speaker. If the anti-Quay Republicans poll their full strength on the speakership for such a Democrat he will surely be elected. This would be the first point of vantage in the senatorial battle Then the intense feeling of the Wanamaker and other anti-Quay Republicans against Quay should make Colonel Guffey, who will surely get the unanimous vote of the Democratic caucus, the logical candidate for United States senator.

It is with this idea in mind that three well known Democrats have announced themselves as candidates for the Democratic caucus nomination for speaker of the house. They are Captain George W. Skinner, of Fulton, one of the most popular men in the state, a veteran Union soldier, who will be serving his sixth term in the house; Robert McCay Foster, of Centre, who made a good record in the last house and was re-elected by a splendid vote, and Charles B. Spatz, of Berks, the editor of the Boyertown Democrat and the Der Boyertown Bauer, two of the most influential Democratic papers in Berks county.

Spatz has been an outspoken opponent of fusion on the speakership from the outset, and although he and all the Berks county members were in this city when Fow's fusion conference was held, they declined to participate in the meeting. Spatz's supporters are probably most hopeful that the Republicans who are opposed to Farr will prefer him to any of the other Democrats, and that this will influence the Democratic caucus in his interest.

Some of our new citizens in Porto Rico and elsewhere are going to have a hard time learning English. Take the word "fast" for instance. A "fast day" is a day when a person abstains from food and drink; a "fast young man," is one who eats and drinks too much; a "fast horse" is one that can trot in about 2:17 or less; when you speak of anything being "tied fast" you mean that it is immovable, or can't get away, and Pope gives the word another meaning when he says "Fast by the throne obsequious fame resides," meaning near by. There are five different meanings to a little word of one syllable and four letters in each case spelled and pronounced exactly alike. We must be patient with the poor Spaniard brought by force under the protecting folds of the star spangled banner. Don't laugh when he speaks of a steam boat as "El vapor." Vapor means steam, doesn't it?

'Tis now that the bad boy, the boy whose mother fears he will not shine as a star in the social circle, concludes that he ought to attend Sunday School and be good. Some start in a little earlier than this, but the average choose the first or second Sunday of December for the purpose. Very few good people are fooled by the old dodge. They all know why he comes, what he comes for and how long he will stay. Just as soon as the Annual Christmas tree exercises are over and the candy and oranges given away, the Sunday School will see the dear good boy no more until Christmas comes again. Did you ever notice how the attendance at Sunday School falls off after one of the above described entertainments?

As time goes on and strong evidence is introduced by the prosecution against Mrs. Cordelia Botkin who is on trial for her life at San Francisco, for the murder of Mrs. John P. Dunning, of Dover, Del., the great nerve and affected indifference which she has exhibited all through the trial is leaving her, and the great mental strain, which she has undergone, is showing itself to such an extent as to require the constant services of a physician. Her attorneys after delving in every possible direction which their ingenuity could suggest, find themselves utterly unable to combat with the strong evidence. "Verily, murder will out."

Nescopeck is certainly developing into an up-to-date progressive town. The School Board is at present building a handsome $5.000 school house. It is to be constructed of brick, and will contain eight rooms. Two rooms will be completed this year and two every succeeding year until finished. This course is pursued in order to make the taxes lighter. Beside this the citizens are considering the question of lighting the town with electricity.

Total Eclipse of the Moon.

Two eclipses distinguish this month, one of the sun, last Monday, and one of the moon on the 27. The first, however, was of little importance, only a slight portion of the solar surface being obscured. The lunar eclipse will be visible generally throughout North and South America, Europe, Asia, and Africa.

Dr. James B. Neal addressed a large congregation on "Missionary Work in China," in the Presbyterian church at Northumberland Sunday evening.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

A short session of Court was held Saturday morning.

Auditor's report in estate of Andrew Fowler confirmed nisi.

Samuel J. Schlauch vs. Melinda E. Schlauch, subpoena in divorce awarded.

The Locust Mt. C. & I. Co. vs. John McGinley. Summons in ejectment. Judgment in open Court for lands described in writ for want of appearance.

Bond of C. W. Mensinger and S. C. Hofnagle, as guardian of Myron Folk and Minnie Mensinger, approved.

Clem R. Weiss appointed auditor to audit and adjust the public accounts.

C. M. Creveling and D. J. Waller, Jr., Trustees, vs. James Magee, 2d, James Magee, 1st, and W. H. Vanderherchen, Sci. Fa. Sur mortgage. And now, December 17th, 1898, upon motion of counsel for plaintiff, rule is granted to show cause why judgment should not be entered for want of a sufficient affidavit of defense. Returnable December 24, 1898.

Court conveined Monday at eleven o'clock, with Judge Herring presiding.

Jacob Harris Exr's. vs. J. H. Creasy. Re-argument granted, plaintiff to have right to present for filing an amended answer. Monday Dec. 19, former decree set aside and amended answer allowed to be filed.

Theodore Doster and wife et al. vs. Elizabeth Johnston et al. Writ of partition awarded.

William Yost. of the corner of East and Fifth streets nearly lost his life on Monday. A freight train was standing on the railroad on East street, and he in a hurry to get across the track, crawled under the cars. Just as he got under, the train started, but by a great effort he threw himself out of danger just as the hind wheels of the car passed by, catching his coat and tearing it off of him. It was a foolish act committed in the heat of the moment. He says that hereafter he will walk around the cars even if it is a little inconvenient.

The small-pox, which was last week reported to be raging at Bedford Pa., to the extent of 200 cases, was largely exaggerated, and has now dwindled down to less than a dozen cases The physician sent there by the State Board of Health was reported to have personally seen 130 cases, and thus the story was "authentic" The Clearfield *Republican* is of the opinion "that the doctor got too much Bedford water under his ulster before he began his investigation."

Engineer Benjamin Watson, with possibly one exception, the oldest engineer in this country, died in East Stroudsburg, aged sixty-nine. Watson run the old "Johnny Bull," the first locomotive ever brought to America. In his service, on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, for nearly a half century, he never had an accident.

The Dushore *Review*, gives the following account of snow falls in the last dozen years. "Twelve years ago on the morning of Thanksgiving 1886, snow began falling and did not stop until fully 20 inches covered the earth. For the past eight years the first fall of snow has occurred on the following dates: 1891, Nov. 28; 1892, Nov. 5; 1893, Nov. 20; 1894, Nov. 9; 1895, Nov. 9; 1896, Nov. 29; 1897. Nov. 23; 1898, Nov. 24.

Elias Driebelbis, an old and respected resident of Mt. Pleasant township, this county, died on Thursday of last week. The deceased was eighty years and seven months old and was the father of A. W. Driebelbis of Bloomsburg, who with seven other children survive. The funeral services with burial at Dutch Hill cemetery, took place on Saturday.

Edward P. Pardo, and Mrs. Allie M. Woods were married at the home of the latter's parents at Derr's, Jackson township, on Saturday. The bride is the mother of Miss Ida Woods of this town and widow of James S. Woods, who lost his life a few years ago in a mine accident at Mt. Carmel.

S. B. Boyer, the veteran member of the Northumberland County bar, was called before Judge Savidge last week, reprimanded and fined $5. During the trial of a case in which Boyer was the attorney for the prosecution, he took occasion to inform Judge Savidge that he knew too much. The reprimand and fine followed.

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Our Toy Department.

You'll find the reason for our selling so many dolls in our opening remarks. And we have everything for the dolls, Chairs, beds, tea sets and books by the dozen. The cutest black wooley dogs, come and look at them even if you don't want to buy. Have you seen our Baby Grand Sewing Machine? It will make a perfect seam, price $1.00. Doll sofas, to close out 3 remaining ones we put the price at $3.98. We have about 25 fancy mirrors, price is plainly marked on them, but ——— come and make us an offer, we have too many. Same case with pictures, lamps and tabourettes, we want to move. Low prices will do it.

Fancy Rockers.

Are being picked over each day, fancy tables we have in all the newest shapes and finish and at hard time prices. Buy the baby a rocker, it will add beauty to your room to have the little rocker in it. Baby is like the rest of us, she want's something distinctly her own. Look us over and compare prices before buying elsewhere

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DEPARTMENT STORE.

THE SONG OF THE FROST KING.

BY W. TYLER OLCOTT.

I'm king of the Alpine heights;
I'm lord of the snow-capped peaks;
For me the avalanches roar,
And the "cold-wrought silence" speaks.
I dwell in a palace of gleaming snow,
Where the cloud-mists dream of the sunset glow.

At my heels the wind-dogs cringe;
At my word they swiftly dash
In mad career, over all the world,
For they fear my stinging lash;
And the dawn-pink lingers alone for me
In the glorious light of the golden sea.

I'm king of the rock-bound crests;
I'm lord of the rugged steeps;
For me the frost-sprite weaves a veil,
And the sluggish glacier creeps.
I'm monarch of Earth's vast Solitude,
Where the frost and the cold forever brood.

A CHRISTMAS WOOING

BY E. B. BARTEN.

There has been many a memorable Christmas in my life, seared and scarred as it is by Time's rebuffs, but none is so fixed in my mind as that of 18—, none that comes back to me with so stirring, so boldly—outlined, so sweet a memory.

Perhaps it is as well not to dilate on my personality in that year, except to say that I was fresh from college, and full of the energy with which we all begin the real battle of life. Perhaps I was handsome. I thought so, at least, although I was not vain, and I am quite sure that one other certainly agreed with me. I was at—but I must stop descanting on myself, for I cut but a sorry figure in this tale.

Among my circle of acquaintances at college was Eugene Kerr, wealthy beyond the dreams of avarice, keen-souled and bright-eyed, dark-featured and handsome, taller than I by several inches, and with a nature as free and open as his speaking sparkling eyes. It was to his home that I had been invited to spend the holidays before engaging in the business of which I was destined to become the head in a few years.

At the Kerr home, a delightful country residence near New York, I was but one of a gay young party, for the Kerr family kept open house for a score of friends during the holidays.

As usual at these gatherings, we were thrown together continually, and my whole soul had suddenly gone out to the sister of my friend Eugene. Her head was covered with dark, shining, chestnut hair, luxuriant hair, that looked all the more luxuriant, perhaps, by reason of the careless way in which it was wrapped about her head. The great gray eyes were set deeply under a straight wide brow. A delicate nose that would turn up a little when she lifted her head, and a spleadidly-cut, clever, wide mouth, the lips of which parted every now and then with a sweet smile, were there. This was her face, and it was fair enough; but it was her figure, her glorious, graceful, full, yet supple figure that struck me most.

Nor was she averse to my attentions, yet I noticed from time to time a coldness in the voice and face of Mrs. Kerr, the mother of my young friends. She was a stately matron, and in her sweeping black velvet dress and softly falling delicate white lace, which nestled about her head and throat, looked strikingly handsome.

Grace—that was the name of the daughter—seemed at times to be under the spell of the mother's eye. I noticed that the conversation would lag when the elder woman entered the room, and that all the airy gayety and sprightliness of the daughter would disappear under the withering glance of the mother.

There was a secret, a mystery which I had determined to fathom and so I proceeded about it in anything but a diplomatic manner, for I was young and thoughtless. My whole soul had become wrapped up in Grace. She was the ideal woman I had pictured in my dreams, and I had determined that she must be mine at any cost.

I look back to those days with wonderment, more perhaps at my own temerity under the circumstances, for I did not even know that I was loved in return.

"Gene," I remarked, one morning, after I had lain awake all night planning and hoping, "I want to talk with you about a matter that concerns me nearly—concerns us both."

He looked at me in some little amazement. Then putting his arm through mine, laughingly pushed me along, saying, "Well I should judge from your long face, it's something serious. Drive it away, old man, don't consort with your cares during the holidays. Never worry in December. January is an awful good month for broken vows, worriments and all that sort o' thing."

"Gene, I'm going to blurt it out and have it over with. I'm head over heels in love with your sister!"

"Walter!"

If I haven't mentioned it before I will say the above is my given name, although it really has nothing to do with the story.

There was that in Eugene's face which fairly dazed me. He seemed terror-stricken at my abrupt but simple announcement. All the acts of my life passed before me, for I was in vain endeavoring to find a cause for his consternation, and then I poured out my soul.

"Truly, 'Gene, there can be nothing against me. I have some wealth, excellent prospects, I am not a roue——"

"Hush, my boy," cried Eugene. "It isnt that! why my sister has been engaged for a year, and do you think my mother would ever forego a coronet! It's impossible!"

"Engaged! A coronet! What do you mean," I cried.

"I mean simply this," he replied, putting his hands on my shoulders, "Grace was abroad with mother, a year ago as you know. At that time—but please remember that this is all confidential, it's a family secret—Lord Deerland fell madly in love with Grace and proposed for her hand. Mother accepted the young man with alacrity, and I think Grace likes him. The formal announcement is to be made after the holidays and they are to be married in the spring. That's all there is to the story, my boy, and now don't make a fuss over it, but just accept the inevitable."

I presume I looked crestfallen after this disclosure and for twenty-four hours kept to my room, determined to get over my chagrin and not to spoil the Christmas party by any hasty departure.

On the following day, the day before Christmas, I summoned all my courage and went down stairs, into the midst of the gayety. The expression on Mrs. Kerr's face had undergone a delightful change. She fairly beamed on me, and a lurking suspicion filled my mind. 'Gene had undoubtedly told his mother and sister all, for it no other way could I explain the rhapsodic expression on the mother's face and the sadness that seemed to have come over the younger woman. That of course was simply pity, I argued. She was like all the others, ready to play the coquette though she knew she would break a heart or two.

By a most fortunate chance I received a message late in the morning which summoned me to the city for a few hours on a matter of business. Eugene had arranged a sleighing party for the afternoon, and this I was forced to forego. My train left shortly after noon, and I was waiting at the station scanning a paper, my thoughts on a sweet face in the Ker

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SAXONY SANTA CLAUS

HANS RUPPERT WALKS ALL THE WAY FROM RUSSIA.

A Great, Gallant Figure, With Top Boots and Mighty Pack—Christmas Customs of the Fatherland—Procession on Christmas Eve.

Hans Ruppert is the name of the Santa Claus of Saxony given by the simple, pious peasantry. "Hans Ruppert will arrive tonight!" the children of Saxony cry all along the dear, darkening twilight of Christmas eve, as they flatten their little Saxon noses against the cottage window panes, peering out along the winter roads for "our Hans Ruppert." "Hans Ruppert is coming tonight!" say the simple hearted grown up folk to one another, a people who have one evening in the winter twilight of their hard, stern lives when it will be all glow and glamour and froth of fun.

Hans Ruppert comes from Russia, from its silent mysteries of steppe and of snows. But he is not a Slav. Hans Ruppert is not the traditional Santa Claus of the Teuton land—a jolly old man with curly beard and winking smile. "Hans Ruppert is a tall, brawny, peasant looking fellow," say the good Saxony folk with a sublime earnestness as if they had seen him. Hans Ruppert has muscles minted from their own brave life of gray toil. Hans Ruppert walks all the way from afar, from the Asiatic Russland and, at every step he takes toward the Caucasus chain, at every stride up and up, still up the ledges of its rock and bluff and brae, across its brawling streams, now down on the other side of its stern shoulder shadowed in the star calm, at every pace past the Russian villages twinkling through the night mists like sparklets struck off from the czar crown way off there above the Neva, as he foots it grandly—this great, grand, gallant Hans Ruppert—his top boots that at the beginning of the long Christmas march reached only below the knee, grow taller and taller, still higher—until when he hears the Rhein-strom murmur and the golden voice above the Lorelei rock, and at last at the gates of Berlin sees the mighty gleam of the army of the vaterland, the Hans Ruppertish boots are up to the loins, cuirassier fashion, accordion wrinkled and mirror in their mighty polish the very "Sword of My Illustrious Grandfather!" And Hans Ruppert stands a grenadier, one of the sacred bodyguard around an emperor, stands with star on breast and double headed eagle on helmet, stands a mighty ghost to deal death to the foes of vaterland—until next Christmas.

On his back, through all his long trudge tonight, Hans Ruppert carries his pack. It is a pack of good things. Thou hast no Christmas tree within that mighty bundle, Hans! The peasant children have made the tree all ready for Hans in the diligent purchase from their little Saxon pfennige on the market day. Hans Ruppert brings the garments for the Christmas tree. Here in his pack is the Christ child's hair, the gold and silver filigree which Hans will twist across the branches with his own brawny hands. Here are the candles, the Christ child's eyes, and the toys and the gifts, "the blessings that drop from the hands of Baby Jesus."

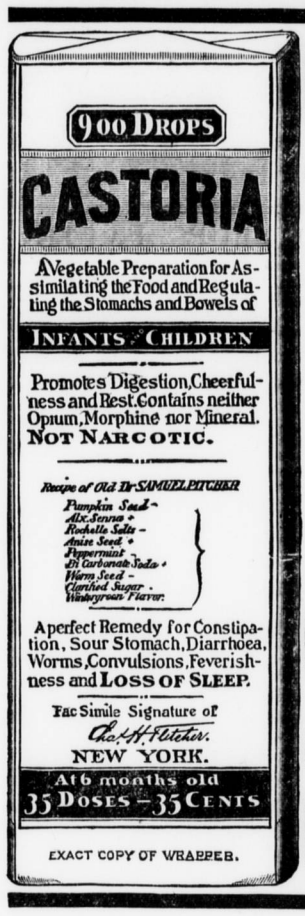
And now the procession forms at 8 o'clock on Christmas eve to go to see what Hans Ruppert has brought to the little family. The procession begins with grandfather and grandmother, on whose seamed and yellowed cheeks glistens the gentle tear of age. Then follow the father and the mother and the unwedded uncles and aunts, and now the children, according to age and size, who are awed in anticipation of "our Hans Ruppert" on the other side of that door toward which the procession is now moving. They stand up on tiptoe and peer behind father's stalwart frame, rebuked by das mutterchen, with a solid Saxon cuff on the unwilling ear. "Ach, mutterchen, it's heilige Nacht!" pleads the father, and mother moderates. Here are the servants of the household, wearing their good Christmas starch of check apron stiffness. How it stands out in its buckram beauty! If it were possible—which the dear Herr Gardener of us all forfend—the apple cheeks of the good house girl glow with a more fruity glisten as she gazes down upon the spheric circumference of starch. The housemaid's smile is laundered, too, and it never leaves her lips until that mysterious door off there is opened by grandfather's trembling old hand, and now some one in the Christmas procession has struck the sweet, resonant, prolonging chords of the zither, and the hymn rises as one "pure concert" along the whole of the household's heart:

O heilige Nacht!
Stille Nacht!

The door is thrown open, and only the stalwart spirits—the Erdgeiste who guard the scallops and volutes of the Teutonic verb—can comprehend the meander and the meaning of the family's exclamations now. Hans Ruppert has done it all! Hans Ruppert has done it all! The tree glistens into gracious charm. It is the aurora of the Divine Child.

And then the good Saxon muscles fall to, and fall, too, on supper. Now, the supper is a sweet feature of this great evening. 1897. For only once a year does the marzipan come round—marzipan, that dear cake, crusted with powdered almonds. Only once a year does "stoken" come round, that dearest cake with raisins—raisins plucked by Hans Ruppert in that faroff mystery—raisins that grew and hadn't anything to do with sour grapes.

But the supper passes, and the night is deepening. The eyes of childhood are drooping. The family rises and again circles the Christmas tree, hand in hand now, perhaps for the last time on earth. Who can foresee the years? May the dear Christ child guard us all!—New York Commercial Advertiser.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She must have a great deal of exercise and a great deal of fresh air. Two hours of really vigorous exercise every day—of brisk walking that brings perspiration to the skin; of brisk bicycle riding, or of horse riding, according to her means and tastes—is not too much.

Hot baths are part of the weight-reducing regime, but as they are also sometimes strength reducing they should be taken with care.

Foods containing starch should be avoided. That means the banishment of untoasted bread, of potatoes, and of sweets from the daily bill of fare. Fats are also to be shunned. There should be but little butter and milk used.

In the way of definite exercises for the reduction of flesh about the waist and hips—the places where most women suffer from overweight—there is one to be lightly recommended.

The candidate for slimness should assume what is known as "the position of a soldier"—shoulders back, chest out, chin in, and ears, shoulder and hips in a vertical line. She must bend from the waist until she touches the floor, but without bending the knees, and this she must do often every morning.

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Butter per lb	$ .22
Eggs per dozen	.24
Lard per lb	.08
Ham per pound	.09
Pork, whole, per pound	.06
Beef, quarter, per pound	.07
Wheat per bushel	.80
Oats " "	35
Rye " "	.50
Wheat flour per bbl	4.40
Hay per ton	9 to $10
Potatoes per bushel	.60
Turnips " "	.25
Onions " "	1 00
Sweet potatoes per peck	.25
Tallow per lb	.05
Shoulder " "	.09
Side meat " "	.08
Vinegar, per qt	.05
Dried apples per lb	.05
Dried cherries, pitted	.12
Raspberries	.12
Cow Hides per lb	.3½
Steer " " "	.05
Calf Skin	.80
Sheep pelts	.75
Shelled corn per bus	.60
Corn meal, cwt	1.25
Bran, "	.95
Chop "	.95
Middlings "	.95
Chickens per lb new	.08
" " " old	.08
Turkeys " "	.12½
Geese " "	.14
Ducks " "	.08

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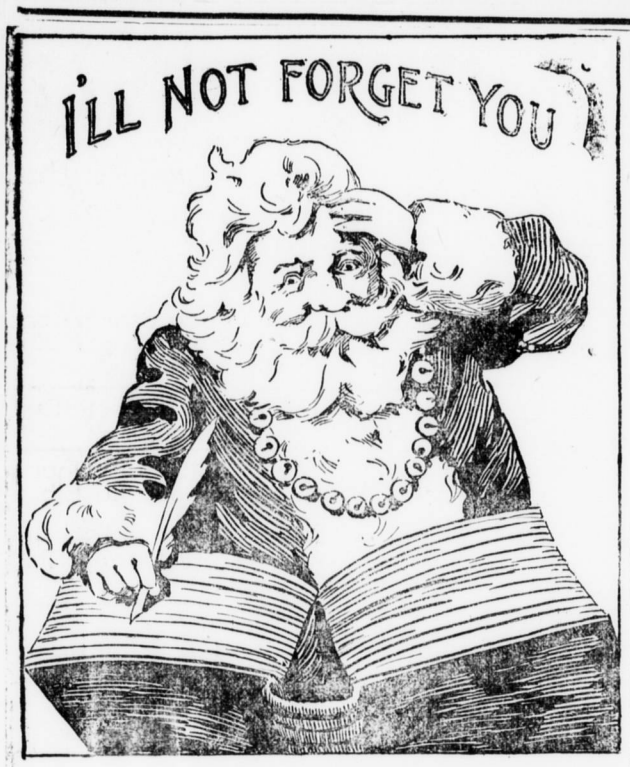

home, when I heard my name mentioned by the agent as he directed some one to the house on the hill. It was a telegram announcing the completion of the business and informing me that it would not be necessary for me to leave.

On this trifling incident hung my fate, for when I returned I found that the only one of the party who had not felt equal to the long drive was—Miss Grace.

She saw me coming up the hill, and in her amazement as I afterward ascertained, thought I had purposely deceived her mother and brother.

Oh, but her heart was beating for some one, and when she met me I knew by her sweet eyes that all the happiness of the days before my disclosure had come back to her heart.

I had her all to myself that afternoon, that glorious afternoon, the radiance of which has sent its light along the pathway of my whole life.

I dare not tell you what occurred, except to say that when the party came back I had my telegram to explain my sudden return but no word of explanation for the joy in my soul.

And now for the finale. Yet it was only a finale to the old lady's ambition, and but the beginning of my "long sweet story."

The Christmas dinner was on! I could tell you every detail of it. I could tell you where Grace sat, and I remember distinctly every flower in her corsage. I see in my mind's eye every laughing face, every feature of the table and of the room. Aye, I remember even the dainty country-maid, with her natty cook's cap, coming into the room with a steaming fowl. You must bear in mind that this was long ago, before the days of the country house luxury which now prevails.

I recall the arrival of the dainty maid, for it was at that moment that Grace, contrary to all banquet formulas, arose, and looked her mother and brother full in the face, her eyes aglow with the spirit within, her face handsomer than ever in its framing of American pluck, and her stately form like that of a queen.

"I want you all," she said, "to listen to an American girl's Christmas determination. Perhaps what I am going to say is not according to rule, but I think it is according to right. I, an American girl, promise to become the wife only of an American citizen. I promise that I will preside over an American home or over none at all."

I cannot picture the consternation of the mother. I am quite sure that it completely spoiled her Christmas dinner. The guests, who knew nothing of the mother's plans, applauded the sentiment to the echo.

As for Eugene! Why, he is a sensible fellow, and he rather prides himself on his brother-in-law even to this day. Mrs. Kerr never fully forgave me, and even to her dying day occasionally referred in the saddest of accents to "that dear broken-hearted Lord Deerland."

And Grace! Why, she's dressing for the Christmas dinner even as I write.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS.

Post-office Authorities Find Them Frequently at Christmas Time.

In every well-regulated post-office of large size there is a corps of "guessers" and directory searchers, who are kept busy for the express purpose of finding out where people live, when addresses are carelessly or not fully written out. Last year a letter came to the post-office, New York, with the

superscripton "To Santa Claus, 263 Goat Street." There is no Goat street in New York, so the letter was stamped "misdirected," as in the reproduction above, and sent to Washington, where, it was supposed, Goat Street might be found. The clerks thought that fuller directions might be discovered inside, so they opened the envelope, and found the following letter:—

Dear Santa,—When I said my prayers last night I told God to tell you to bring me a hobby horse. I don't want a hobby horse, really. A honestly lively horse is what I want. Mamma told me not to ask for him, because I probably would make you very mad, so you wouldn't give me anything at all, and if I got him I wouldn't have any place to keep him. A man I know will keep him, he says, if you get him for me. I thought you might like to know. Please don't be mad.—Affectionately, John.

P. S.—A Shetland pony would be enough.

P. S.—I'd rather have a hobby horse than nothing at all.

Another letter, written by a girl of seven, who is sometimes "norty," was sent off some time ago, in order that Santa might have a good opportunity to get the doll's baby carriage and the "squeak cat for the baby."

My Dear Santa Claus.

I hope you are quite well. I have got a great big stocking reddy to hang up at Xmas. There is only one big

YET DOTH THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM SHED
A LUSTER PURE AND SWEET,
AND STILL IT LOOKS, AS SURE IT LED,
TO THE MESSIAH'S FEET.
AND DEEPLY AT THIS LATER DAY
OUR HEARTS REJOICE TO SEE
HOW CHILDREN, GIRDED BY ITS RAY,
COME TO THE SAVIOR'S KNEE.
WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT.

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Forty Square Miles of Wheat.

What is said to be the largest single wheat field in California is now being planted to the grain that makes the staff of life. It covers over 25,000 acres, or forty square miles.

This enormous field of grain is located on the banks of the San Joaquin River, near the tow of Clovis, in Madera county. The field is part in Fresno county and part in Madera county.

Clovis Cole is the man who is putting in this vast acreage, and he has undertaken one of the largest jobs that any man has yet done in California.

While it is true that larger acreages of wheat have been planted by certain ranchers in this State, there seems to be no record of an exact parallel to the present case. On the Miller & Lux ranch, in Kern county, 50,000 acres were planted one year, but the fields were scattered about in different places. They were really a series of fields, located wherever there was a fertile spot. Few of the fields were 2,000 acres, and in many instances there would be half a mile of bare land between them. The acreage planted could not be called a wheat field of 50,000 acres any more than all the wheat fields in the State could be classed under one head.

The Clovis field, however, is an ideal wheat field. It is almost as flat as a floor, with a gentle slope toward the river. The outer lines of the field make it almost a perfect square. Each side is a little over six miles, and if the day is clear every part of the field can be seen from any other part. It will be a beautiful sight worth seeing when all the grain is up and waves gently in the breezes of springtime. There are no roads through the Clovis wheat field. It is to be one solid stretch of grain, and every square foot of land is to be utilized.

Ploughing and planting began in the big wheat field about the middle of last July and will hardly be completed before the next two months at least. But the grain will all mature at about the same time. Then will come the herculean task of harvesting it.

To get an idea of the enormous size of this great wheat let us imagine that it is close to San Francisco. If one end of it one mile wide touched on Market street, the rest of the field would stretch one mile wide almost to San Jose. This same wheat field is over four times the size of the improved portion of San Francisco. The whole city and county of San Francisco, including all the outlying district, is about the same size.

With the big improved machinery it does not look as though there was much work spent on planting and harvesting the field. But suppose one man had to handle the crop, if such were possible, how long would it take him?

Suppose the field was one mile wide and forty miles long, and the one man had a double gang plough cutting a furrow twenty-four inches wide. He would start at a corner of the field in San Francisco and plough south toward San Jose, a distance of forty miles. Then he would come back and cut another furrow to San Francisco, making eighty miles for the round trip.

This amount of work would only be a tiny scratch four feet wide along one side of the forty-mile field, and the process would have to be repeated at least 1,3000 times, making a total distance of about 105,000 miles.

Suppose that the ploughman worked at the rate of twenty miles a day. To get over the 105,000 miles would take 5,250 days. To plant would take about the same time, making a total of 10,500 days, or nearly thirty years. It would be like spending a lifetime, and the distance traveled would be equivalent to going around the world four times. And all in one California wheat field.

The accomplish the necessary amount of work within the time at his disposal the owner of the Clovis wheat field has to employ over 200 men, over 1,000 horses and several tons of big machinery. The men are working early and late now, and if the whole acreage is planted by January and a sufficient quantity of rain falls there will be such a crop of wheat as has never been heard of, for the land is good land and the seed is good seed. Then will the bread eaters of the world give thanks for the existence of the largest field in California.

A MANSION AT DANVILLE.

Purchased by the Sisters of Christian Charity.

The Thomas Beaver mansion, at Danville, has been sold, and the extensive and finely appointed old homestead, which for six or seven years past has stood idle, is at last to be put to practical use. The mansion is to be made a branch of the mother house of the Sisters of Christian Charity, of Wilkesbarre, while the comparatively new and handsome stable, with one or more of the buildings will be turned into an orphanage. The purchase was affected last week. The price paid, concerning which no definite information has been received, was probably $8,000. The total cost of the building was not much less than $100,000. The mansion will be occupied by the sisterhood, it possible, before the new year. The orphanage, of course, will not be ready for occupancy until some time later.

Devious Definitions.

Cynic—The man who has an unreciprocated love for himself.

Luck—The only thing that enables your neighbor to surpass you.

Employe—A man who does lots of work and draws but little salary.

Official—A man who draws lots of salary and does but little work.

Skeptic—A man who is never sure of the time when he consults his watch.

Hero—A man who risks his life to rectify mistakes of the fools who applaud him.

Honesty—An ingredient in the make-up of the man who pays his debts before indulging in luxuries.

A—The one letter in the alphabet that makes all men mean.

Divinity—A doctrine that is more preached than practiced.

Sense—About the only thing of which the common brand is best.

Conclusion—Something a woman will jump at as quick as she will at a mouse.

Philosopher—A wise man in his own estimation and a fool in the estimation of others.

A whale of 50 tons exerts 145 horse-power in swimming twelve miles an hour.

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"After taking three boxes of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Lozenges, the tumor passed from me.

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BLOOMSBURG DIVISION.
In Effect August 1st, 1898.

STATIONS.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
		EAST.		
NORTHUMBERLAND	6 25	1.50	10 00	5 50
Cameron	6 38	.....	.....	6 03
Chulasky	6 43	.....	.....	6 07
Danville	6 50	2 12	10 21	6 13
Catawissa	7 03	2 26	10 32	6 28
Rupert	7 09	2 31	10 36	6 33
Bloomsburg	7 15	2 36	10 41	6 39
Espy	7 23	2 42	10 46	6 45
Lime Ridge	7 30	2 48	.....	6 52
Willow Grove	7 34	2 52	.....	6 56
Briarcreek	7 38	.....	.....	7 0
Berwick	7 54	3 01	11 04	7 0
Beach Haven	7 53	3 07	....	7 1
Hick's Ferry	8 01	3 13	..	7 8
Shickshinny	8 14	3 24	11 30	7 8
Hunlock's	8 27	3 34	.....	8 4
Nanticoke	8 35	3 42	11 45	7 5
Avondale	8 49	3 46	.....	8 0
Plymouth	8 45	3 51	11 52	8 06
Plymouth Junction	8 50	3 55	.....	8 11
Kingston	8 57	4 02	12 00	8 18
Bennett	9 01	4 06	.....	8 21
Forty Fort	9 03	4 10	.....	8 24
Wyoming	9 08	4 16	12 08	8 28
West Pittston	9 12	4 21	.....	8 52
Susquehanna Ave	9 15	4 24	12 14	8 26
Pittston	9 19	4 29	12 17	8 40
Duryea	9 23	4 34	.....	8 44
Lackawanna	9 26	4 37	.....	8 48
Taylor	33	4 45	.....	8 57
Bellevue	9 38	4 50	.....	9 07
SCRANTON	9 42	4 55	12 35	9 02
	A.M	P.M	P.M.	P.M
STATIONS.			WEST.	
	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
SCRANTON	6 00	10 05	1 55	5 40
Bellevue	6 05	....	.....	.....
Taylor	6 10	10 15	2 03	5 50
Lackawanna	6 18	10 23	2 10	5 58
Duryea	6 22	10 26	2 13	6 02
Pittston	6 28	10 41	2 17	6 06
Susquehanna Ave	6 32	10 35	2 20	6 10
West Pittston	6 36	10 39	2 24	6 14
Wyoming	6 41	10 44	2 29	6 19
Forty Fort	6 46	....	..	.....
Bennett	6 49	10 52	2 36	6 30
Kingston	6 56	10 56	2 42	6 56
Plymouth Junction	7 00	....	2 47	.....
Plymouth	7 04	11 05	2 52	6 43
Avondale	7 09		2 57	6 47
Nanticoke	7 14	11 13	3 02	6 50
Hunlock's	7 20	11 19	3 10	6 58
Shickshinny	7 31	11 30	3 24	7 10
Hick's Ferry	7 44	11 43	3 35	7 25
Beach Haven	7 53	11 48	3 42	7 32
Berwick	8 00	11 54	3 49	7 38
Briarcreek	8 06	...	3 55	.....
Willow Grove	8 10	12 04	3 59	7 49
Lime Ridge	8 14	12 09	4 04	7 53
Espy	8 21	12 15	4 11	8 00
Bloomsburg	8 28	12 22	4 17	8 07
Rupert	8 34	12 27	4 23	8 13
Catawissa	8 40	12 32	4 29	8 18
Danville	8 55	12 47	4 43	8 34
Chulasky	....	.....	4 49	...
Cameron	9 15	12 57	4 54	8 4
NORTHUMBERLAND	9 20	1 10	5 08	9 0
	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.

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SOUTH.—	B. & S. R. R.			—NORTH			
ARRIVE.							LEAVE
a m	a. m.	p m	p.m.	STATIONS.	a m	p m	p m	a m
7.10	11.15	6.30	2.15	Bloomsburg	8.34	2 40	6 45	6.10
7.08	11.10	6.26	2.10	P. & E.	8.36	2.42	6.47	
7.03	11.37	6.24	2.28	" Main st.	8.39	2.45	6.50	
6.53	11.27	6.13	1 50	Paper Mill	8 48	2.54	7.01	8.37
6.50	11.23	6.09	1.45	Light St.	8.52	2.59	7.05	8.50
6.40	11.13	5.59	1.30	Orangeville	9.02	3.10	7.14	7.10
6.29	11.01	5.48	1.00	Forks	9.10	3.20	7.24	7.35
6.25	11.00	5.44	12.53	Zaner's	9.14	3.24	7.28	7.45
6.18	10.55	5.37	12.45	Stillwater	9.20	3.30	7.35	8.00
6.08	10.45	5.27	12.31	Henton	9.30	3.40	7.48	8.30
6.04	10 40	5 22	12.10	Edson's	9.34	3.44	7.47	8.40
6.02	10.38	5.20	12.05	Cole's Crk.	9.37	3.47	7.51	8.46
5.53	10.32	5.13	11.58	Laubach	9.47	3.57	8.01	9.00
5.48	10.28	5.03	11.45	Central	9.57	4.07	8.11	9.25
5.40	10.20	5.00	11.30	Jam. City	10.00	4.10	8.15	9.35
a m	a m	p m	p m		a m	p m	p m	a m
LEAVE								ARRIVE

Pennsylvania Railroad.

Time Table in effect Nov. 20, '98

Scranton(D & H) lv	A. M.	A. M	P. M.	P. M.	P. M
Pittston " "	$ 6 45	$ 9 30	‖ 2 18		$ 4 27
	7 18	‖10 0	f 2 40		4 52
Wilkesbarre. .lv	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M
Plym'th Ferry "	$ 7 30	$10 15	‖ 3 12		$ 6 00
Nanticoke "	f 7 38	10 20	f 3 21		f 6 08
Mocanaqua "	7 46	10 27	3 20		6 17
Wapwallopen "	8 04	10 45	3 50		6 37
Nescopeck ar	8 13	10 55	3 58		6 47
	8 24	11 10	4 10		7 00
Pottsville lv	A. M	A. M.	P. M.		P. M.
Hazleton "	$ 6 00	$	$12 35		$
Tomhicken "	7 08	11 35	2 00		5 50
Fern Glen "	7 25	11 15	2 20		6 10
Rock Glen "	7 34	11 54	2 38		6 13
Nescopeck ar	7 43	11 40	2 35		6 25
	8 07	.....	3 00		6 50
Nescopeck lv	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.		P. M
Creasy "	$ 8 14	$11 10	‖ 4 10		$ 7 00
Espy Ferry "	8 33	Via	4 18		7 09
E. Bloomsburg "	f 8 43	Rock	f 4 25		7 18
	8 47	Glen	4 30		7 23
Catawissa ar	8 55	P. M.	4 36		7 30
Catawissa lv	8 55	12 20	4 16		7 30
S. Danville "	9 14	12 20	4 55		7 47
Sunbury "	9 35	12 38	5 17		8 10
		1 00			
Sunbury lv	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.		P. M.
Lewisburg ar	‖ 9 45	$ 1 10	$ 5 45		‖ 9 25
Milton "	10 15	1 45	6 18		.....
Williamsport "	10 10	1 39	6 14		9 50
Lock Haven "	11 00	2 30	7 10		10 40
Renovo "	11 59	3 40	8 07		.....
Kane "	A. M.	4 40	9 00		.....
	.....	9 05	.....		.....
Lock Haven lv	P. M.	P. M.			
Bellefonte ar	$12 10	$3 45	.....		.....
Tyrone "	1 05	4 44	.....		.....
Phillipsburg "	2 15	6 00	.....		.....
Clearfield "	4 23	8 36	.....		.....
Pittsburg "	5 07	9 09	.....		.....
	6 55	11 30	.....		.....
Sunbury lv	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.		P. M
Harrisburg ar	‖ 9 50	$ 1 55	‖ 5 25		$ 8 31
	11 30	$ 3 20	6 55		$10 10
Philadelphia ar	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.		A. M.
Baltimore "	$ 3 00	$ 6 53	$10 20		‖ 4 20
Washington "	3 11	‖ 6 00	‖ 9 45		6 35
	4 10	$ 7 15	$10 55		7 45
Sunbury lv	A. M.	P. M.			
Lewistown Jc ar	$10 05	$ 2 45	.....		.....
Pittsburg "	P. M.				
	12 05	$ 4 23	.....		.....
	$ 6 55	$11 30	.....		.....
Harrisburg lv	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.		P. M
Pittsburg ar	‖ 11 45	‖ 5 50	‖ 7 30		$10 20
	P. M.		A. M.		A. M
	‖ 6 55	$11 30	‖ 2 00		$ 5 30

$ Weekdays. Daily. f Flag station.

Pittsburg lv	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.	A. M
	‖ 7 05	‖ 8 30	‖ 2 50	‖ 8 00
Harrisburg ar	A. M.	A. M.		P. M
	‖ 2 00	‖ 3 45	‖ 9 10	‖ 3 10
Pittsburg lv	.....	A. M.		A. M.
		.....	...	† 8 00
Lewistown Jc. "	.....	† 7 30	.....	P. M.
Sunbury ar	.....	† 9 18	.....	† 5 00
Washington lv	P. M.	A. M.	A. M.	A. M
Baltimore "	‖10 40	.....	† 7 50	‖10 50
Philadelphia "	‖11 55	‖ 4 25	† 8 55	‖12 00
	‖11 20	‖ 4 30	‖ 8 30	‖12 25
Harrisburg lv	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Sunbury ar	‖ 3 35	‖ 8 05	‖11 40	† 4 00
	‖ 5 05	‖ 9 40	1 10	† 5 40
Pittsburg lv	P. M.	.....	A. M.	A. M
Clearfield "	$12 45	.....	$ 2 50	$ 8 00
Phillipsburg "	4 09	.....	.....	9 31
Tyrone "	4 56	.....	.....	10 12
Bellefonte "	7 15	.....	‖ 8 10	12 50
Lock Haven ar	8 31	.....	9 32	1 42
	9 30	.....	10 30	2 46
Erie lv	P. M.	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Kane "	‖ 4 30	.....	...	.....
Renovo "	7 55	...	† 6 25	.....
Lock Haven "	11 16	† 6 40	10 30	.....
	11 58	† 7 33	11 35	‖ 3 00
Williamsport "	A. M.		A. M.	
Milton "	12 55	‖ 8 30	†12 40	4 06
Lewisburg "	1 50	9 19	1 27	4 52
Sunbury ar	.....	9 05	1 15	4 47
	2 21	9 45	1 55	5 20
Sunbury lv	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M
S. Danville "	$6 10	‖ 9 55	† 2 00	† 5 43
Catawissa "	6 33	10 17	2 21	6 07
E. Bloomsburg "	6 54	10 35	2 37	6 21
Espy Ferry "	Via	10 43	2 43	6 32
Creasy "	Rock	10 47	2 47	f 6 36
Nescopeck ar	Glen.	10 56	2 55	6 46
	8 07	11 10	3 10	6 59
Nescopeck lv	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Rock Glen ar	.....	‖11 10	‖4 15	† 7 05
Fern Glen "	† 7 56	11 35	4 40	† 7 31
Tomhicken "	7 47	11 43	4 46	7 37
Hazleton "	7 58	11 54	4 55	7 45
Pottsville "	8 22	P. M.		
	11 30	12 18	5 15	8 05
Nescopeck lv	A. M.	2 08	6 25	.....
Wapwallopen ar	† 8 07	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Mocanaqua "	8 18	‖11 10	† 3 10	† 6 59
Nanticoke "	8 28	11 22	3 19	7 09
	8 48	11 32	3 30	7 21
Plym'th Ferry "	f 8 56	11 54	3 50	7 42
Wilkesbarre "	9 05	P. M.		
		12 02	4 00	7 52
Pittston(D & H) ar	† 9 39	12 10	4 10	8 00
Scranton " "	10 08	‖12 49	† 4 52	† 8 36
		1 18	5 20	9 05

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For Catawissa weekdays 7.30, 8.38, 11.30 a. m., 12.20, 3.40, 5.00 6.30, p. m.

For Rupert weekdays 7.30, 8.38 11.30 a. m., 12.20, 3.40, 5.00, 6.30, p. m.

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Leave Reading 12.15 p. m.

Leave Pottsville 12.30 p. m.

Leave Tamaqua 1.49 p. m.,

Leave Williamsport weekdays 10.00 a m, 4.30 p m.

Leave Catawissa weekdays, 7.00, 8.20 9.10 a. m. 1.30 3.40, 6.08

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1898.

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19th, 1898.

Senator Vest made a spirited attack on the evils of the present pension system, saying that the government had fallen into "a most iniquitous expenditure by its ill-advised legislation and thorough political influences," and was now acting as a sort of political accident insurance company. He declared that he did not wish to deprive a single honest applicant of his pension, but he did wish to have the abuses stopped. He said that although Illinois had furnished 65,000 more soldiers for the civil war than Indiana did; that the pension payments in Indiana exceeded those in Illinois by $1,500,000, and charged that the reason was that Indiana was a pivotal state politically, and that it was a notorious fact that pensions had been granted to almost every applicant in districts that were close.

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The Lode immigration bill is thought to have received its deathblow, last week, when the House, by a majority vote, declined to take it from the Speaker's table, where it has been since it passed the Senate, early in the last session. This makes twice that the House has refused to take the bill up, and it is regarded as very doubtful whether its friends will make another attempt.

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Representative De Armond, of Missouri, had the pleasure of nagging Czar Reed into making a speech last week. The incident was started by Representative Grow, of Pennsylvania, a Republican, making a speech attacking the gag rules of the House. Mr. De Armond then took the floor and charged that Reed had compelled the Committee on Rules to refrain from reporting a new set of rules, in order that the rules of the last House, supposed to have been adopted temporarily at last year's extra session, might continue in force. Mr. Reed tried to wriggle out by being funny. He made the House laugh—any clown could do that—but he didn't convince anybody.

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Col. Bryan was in Washington last week, conferring with the Democratic leaders in Congress.

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When Boss Platt was asked whether anything else besides the demands of his private business had influenced Secretary Bliss to resign the portfolio of Secretary of the Interior, he could hardly keep his face straight. He didn't answer the question, in words, he wasn't expected to. Bliss was taken into the Cabinet to head off demand made by Platt, and he has been used for the same purpose at various times since. So Platt is grieving over his resignation. Indeed, it is altogether probable that Platt has done his part to push along the petty annoyances which have resulted in convincing Mr. Bliss that his private business needs his attention. While it is not likely that the resignation of Mr. Bliss was brought about by any open rupture, it was probably the culmination of dissatisfaction because of a thousand and one little things, no one of which is important enough to be assigned as a reason for resignation. It has been an open secret in Washington that Mr. Bliss didn't like his job.

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Representative Bailey, of Texas, has made a statement concerning his attitude towards General Wheeler and three other members of the House, who hold commissions in the volunteer army. He quotes section 6 of Article 1, of the Constitution: "That no person, holding any office under the United States, shall be a member of either House during his continuance in office," and cites two cases in which the House decided members to have forfeited seats, one by accepting a major's commission in the District of Columbia Militia, and the other, by becoming Colonel of a volunteer regiment, in the Mexican war. Mr. Bailey thus defines his own position: "I am one of those who believe that it is the highest duty of every man to obey the law and to respect the Constitution, and I have little patience with the weak suggestion that a Member of Congress shall shrink from his sworn duty because public sentiment would allow a brave and distinguished man to hold two high offices, even though it be against the Constitution of our country." Another phase of the same question is now being discussed in the Senate—the Constitutional right of Senators to serve as government or Presidential Commissioners.

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Senator Turpie never minces words when he has anything to say. He favors the Nicaragua Canal, but does not favor letting the Maritime Canal Company have anything to do with its construction. In the course of a short speech, advising the postponement of action on the question until the report of the Commission, sent over to investigate, is submitted to Congress, Mr. Turpie said the object of the Maritime Canal Company was not to cut a canal, but "to cut a channel of communication at the least possible cost between the Treasury of the United States and the empty coffers of that beggarly corporation."

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Senator Berry has offered an amendment to the Nicaragua bill, providing for direct appropriation of money to construct the canal, instead of guaranteeing interest-bearing bonds, and to limit the cost to $115,000,000, and stated that Senator Morgan was willing to accept the amendment so far as it related to appropriating money, instead of issuing bonds. Senator Rawlins has offered an amendment to the bill, providing that the act shall not go into effect until the United States secures by treaty the right to fortify and garrison the canal, to send armed vessels and munitions of war through it in time of war, and to close it against any other nation with which the United States may be at war.

The Black Sheep and the White.

If our judges do not look out we may find some day that the larger part of the honest men in the community are in the penitentiaries. We all know that the number of men who ought to be there, in the general opinion, is very great; and that there has long been a prevalent impression that a good many are there more by misfortune than by fault, since their fault is by no means greater than may be safely laid against the average man.

The conviction of the cashier of the Chestnut street bank, by direction of Judge Butler, is particularly calculated to give ground for this statement. There is nothing doubtful about this case. The exact degree of this man's wrong doing is clearly understood. He was the official of the bank upon whom it fell to make the returns of its condition called for by the law. He made returns, which were not correct, under the direction of his superior officer, the president of the bank, who had borrowed more money from the bank than the law allowed one man to borrow. Yet the loans made to him were believed to be entirely secure. Furthermore, the national authority, to whom the bank made its returns under the law, was fully acquainted with these excessive loans to the president of the bank; and the cashier's official report did not deceive him. No one was deceived about anything, save as to the wealth of the president of the bank.

The president of the bank escaped the court by death. The cashier, who presented the highest testimonials of good character, is convicted. And yet everyone understands that he is guilty of doing nothing that the generality of honest cashiers would not have done in his place. In truth we doubt whether many men in his place would have done differently, in view of the manifest fact that his technically false report of the condition of the bank was not really a false report to the government officials, who year after year had accepted it, knowing wherein it was incorrect.

Judge Butler says that this made no difference in the cashier's guilt, since the statute declared his duty; and his superior officers were not empowered by the law to modify or change it. No doubt that is true. Probably the comptroller of the currency had no right to knowingly accept an incorrect report from the bank cashier; but yet it seems clear to the ordinary mind that a cashier who makes a return called for by the law to the comptroller, stating therein what he knows the comptroller knows to be incorrect; and who is permitted by the comptroller to do this for years; and who does it without guilty purpose, by direction of the bank's president; and without suspicion that the bank will suffer by it, is not guilty of any moral crime; and if he is sent to prision for it, will go there with a clear conscience and a white soul so far as this crime is concerned.

Wherefore are we moved to say that if some of our judges do not take care in construing the laws, the white souled citizens may all be in jail some day; and if other judges do not take like care, the variegated Quay's will occupy the world alone. —Lancaster *Intelligencer*.

A South Portland girl while making some cute little curlicky beau catchers on the back of her neck lost her grip on the curling tongs and dropped them down her back inside her clothing. A great deal might be said in regard to this accident, but it really does not seem necessary.—Lewiston *Journal*.

Its funny that a fellow with a stack of "chips" should get cold feet, but he very often does just the same.

After the Fever

Little Girl Was Weak and Could Not Eat—Hood's Sarsaparilla Gave Her Appetite and Strength—Eczema Disappearing.

"My little girl was sick for several months with typhoid fever, and after she got over it she was weak and did not eat. My husband got her a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla, saying it would make her eat and give her strength—and it did. She had taken it only a short time when she was well and strong. Everyone who sees her is surprised at her improvement because she was so weak and thin, but now is fat and healthy. I am giving her Hood's Sarsaparilla now for eczema and the trouble is fast disappearing. My husband has taken it for rheumatism and it has done him good." MRS. CLINTON B. COPE, Buckingham Valley, Pennsylvania.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Sold by all druggists. Price, $1; six for $5.

Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner pills, aid digestion. 25c.

Christmas Cabinets.

There is little time to spare if you want photos for Christmas. It takes time to do really good work, and that is what we pride ourselves on. There is nothing more acceptable for Christmas than a photograph, and those made by the Phillips studio make more welcome gifts than others. Our pictures have an individuality and show original treatment in pose and lighting not seen in pictures, except from the larger cities.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Fi. Fa., issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale, at the Court House, in Bloomsburg, on

SATURDAY, JAN. 14, 1899,

at two o'clock in the afternoon, all that certain piece and parcel of land, situate in the village of Mifflinville, County of Columbia, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows to wit: Being marked in the general plan of said village as number forty-nine (49), bounded on the north by Second street, on the south by Third street, on the east by lot No. 48, and west by street, being in length fourteen (14) rods, and in breadth, four (4) rods, upon which is erected a

FRAME DWELLING HOUSE,

and other outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution, at the suit of Cosmopolitan Building and Loan Association vs. Samuel W. Fedder and Etta Fedder, and to be sold as the property of Samuel W. Fedder and Etta Fedder.

W. W. BLACK,
HARMAN, Atty. Sheriff.

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By virtue of a writ of Fi. Fa. issued out of the Court of Common Pleas, of Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and to me directed there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House, in Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Pa., on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14TH, 1899,

at 2 o'clock p. m.

All that certain piece and parcel of land situate in the township of Mifflin, County of Columbia, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, bounded and discribed as follows, towit: Bounded on the north by Second street, on the east by lot No. 126, on the south by Third street, and on the west by lot now or formerly owned by Mary Gearhart, being sixty-six feet in width and two-hundred feet in depth and being numbered and designated upon the general plan of the village of Mifflinville as Lot 125, whereon are erected a

FRAME DWELLING HOUSE
and other outbuildings.

Seized taken in execution at the suit of Cosmopolitan Building & Loan Association vs. Abram R. Fedder and Elizabeth Fedder, and to be sold as the property of Abram R. Fedder and Elizabeth Fedder

W. W. BLACK, Sheriff.
HARMAN, Attorney. 12-22-4t

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

ESTATE OF J. M. C. RANCK, LATE OF SCOTT TWP., COLUMBIA COUNTY, PA., DECEASED.

In the matter of the first and second partial accounts of Charles W. Dawson, executor of J. M. C. Ranck, deceased.

The undersigned auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County, Penna., to pass upon exceptions, make distribution and report, will sit, for the purposes of his appointment, at his office, room No. 4, Lockard building, corner of Main and Centre streets, in the Town of Bloomsburg, Pa., on Monday, January 23d, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m., when and where all parties interested may appear and present their claims against said estate, or be debarred from a share of the same.

12-22-4t WM. H. MAGILL, Auditor.

STAR CLOTHING HOUSE.

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Half the joys of gift making lie in the knowledge that your money has obtained full value. Our store is full of surprises, and no trash or old shop-worn goods.

$4.75	Buys a Suit of Clothes for father, brother, or grandfather.	**$5.75**	Buys a good Storm Coat, or Overcoat, warm and comfortable.
$3.00	Buys a good Storm Reefer, st rm collar. Good Chinchilla, well lined.	**$1.95**	Buys a pretty Veste Suit, for boys' wear.
19c.	Buys boy's Knee Pants.	**$3.00**	Buys a Suit of our Double Seated, Knee and Elbow School Suit.
75c.	Buys a Suit of Underwear, sold elsewhere for one dollar. They are good values.	**25c.**	Buys an Outing Flannel Shirt or Cheviot.

House Coats from $3.50. Bath Robes from $3.00.

These are only a few of the bargains now being offered during the holidays. We invite a call from you and we are sure you will find our goods will please you, in quality, price and style,

At Townsend's Star Clothing House.

Holiday Life At This Store

At this time every storekeeper is disposed to say, "We have the largest and best stock." But is the saying so in an advertisement always the settlement of a fact? It is not *we* think, or what we want *others* to think, *but as it is.*

Year after year there is more common sense shown in the choosing of gifts. Useable things, that is the idea. And we use our wits to meet the demand in a liberal way. Useful things, to be sure, but beautiful as well.

China.

Our China you will find displayed through the centre of our store. We have never had such a pretty lot, or so much of it. We can give you at almost any price. Cups and saucers at 10c., plates at 10c. Usual asking price, double.

Silverware.

We have the same make of silverware we have always handled. Something that we can guarantee to you. 4-piece tea sets, from $4.50 to $10.00. These goods are worth a great deal more.

Pickle casters, sugar bowls, cracker jars, crumb trays, mugs for children, cake baskets, fruit baskets. Anything you need to make a table look nice, at prices one-third less than usual.

Dress Goods For Christmas.

Our Dress Goods stock is too heavy. It must be reduced by Christmas, and the way to do it is to lower the prices.

Dress Goods, worth 42c, at 29c.
" " 56c, at 44c.
" " 65c, at 58c.

Special lot of Dress Cloth, all wool, at 23c.

Ladies', Children's Coats and Capes.

From Tuesday of this week until Christmas we will make special prices on our Coats and Capes. These prices will save you money. Our stock is complete.

Unusual Linen Value.

We call your attention to our lots of Table Linen.

Worth 35c., 52 in. wide, at 25c.
Worth $1, 72 in. wide, at 75c.

Special Towels For Christmas.

A lot of figured Hucka Back Towels, large size, we have never offered under $1.00 per pair, we put on sale this week at 50c. the pair. Don't miss them.

Fine Damask Towels, hemstitched, worth 75c. each, at 49c. each.

Our Furniture Department.

White Enameled Iron Beds, brass trimmed, with springs to fit, from $3.50 to $15.00.

We will sell at these prices a short time.

28 different patterns in Fancy Rockers for Christmas, at prices that will save you money. We sell our Furniture with no extra expense. This accounts for our prices.

Christmas Offer.

You will find these goods displayed in the window next to the grocery department:

Handsome hand-painted hair receivers, plates, trays, candle sticks. These goods have never been sold for less than 60c. We put them on sale Wednesday morning at 25c. each.

Toilet bottles we sold last Christmas at 79c., we put on sale Wednesday morning at 39c each.

Footing and Laces For Hand'fs.

Ten different patterns and widths in footing to trim handkerchiefs.

Neat, pretty edges of lace, with inserting to match, in any quality.

Outings.

We will put on sale another lot of those nice, soft Outings, worth 10c. the yard, at 8c. the yard.

Umbrellas.

There is nothing so nice and useful for Christmas as an umbrella. 98c. for a steel rod Gloria Umbrella. Would be cheap at $1.50. We can please you. We show them as high as $7.00.

F. P. PURSEL.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Levari Facias, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale, at the Court House, in Bloomsburg, on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1899,

at at two o'clock p. m., all that certain messuage tenement and tract of land, situate, lying and being, in the Town of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Northwardly by Seventh street, of said town, eastwardly by Catharine street, southwardly by an alley, westerly by lot of John P. Jones. The said lots having a front on Catharine street of forty feet each and extending in depth sixty feet. The one adjoining Seventh street having erected thereon a two-story

FRAME DWELLING HOUSE,

the other being a vacant lot. The said properties being lately the property of J. D. Shaffer, and by himself and wife conveyed to said Cummings.

Seized, taken in execution, at the suit of Anglo American Saving and Loan Association vs. William B. Cummings, and to be sold as the property of William B. Cummings.

BUCKINGHAM, W. W. BLACK,
Attorney. SHERIFF.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

ESTATE OF DELILAH BARTON, LATE OF BLOOMSBURG, DECEASED.

The undersigned Auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County, Pa., to distribute balance in the hands of accountant, will sit at the office of Ikeler & Ikeler, in Bloomsburg, Pa., on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 1899 at 10 o'clock a. m., to attend to the duties of his appointment, when and where all parties interested in said estate must appear, or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund.

12-22 ta. FRANK IKELER, Auditor.

SPECIAL SALE!

Now is the time to get bargains. During the next 30 days we will give you many goods at and below cost. Wool Dress Goods that was 25c, now 15c. Dress Goods, from 50c. to 30. Do not miss these special sales. We have just received new supply of pretty Coats, Capes and Fur Collarettes for ladies. Fur sets for children.

Ladies' Tailor-Made Suits, from $5.00 up.

Ladies' Coats, Capes, Separate Skirts. Coats for misses and children. In this line our stock is large. Prices low.

Ladies' Fur Collarettes, from $2.00 up.

Our sales in Shoes increases daily. Ladies' Fine Shoes, from 79c. up. Gents' Fine Shoes, from 98c. up. Good Calicoes, 3c. Good Muslin, 3½c. Our stock of Underwear is complete. We handle the celebrated Leather brand Stockings for ladies, misses and boys. Corsets, for 24c. up.

Our Grocery Department is improving daily—adding new goods at better prices. Our whole stock is complete and prices always right. It will pay you to see our goods before you buy.

Bloomsburg Store Co., Limited.

Corner Main and Centr ALFRED McHENRY, M'G'R

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Made from pure cream of tartar.

Safeguards the food against alum.

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THE COLUMBIAN.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1898.

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Paper Free for One Month.

THE COLUMBIAN will be sent *free* to any person in the county, on receipt of the name and address on a postal. Don't be afraid to ask for it. You will get it only four weeks, unless ordered to be continued.

A Free Book.

Every subscriber who pays all arrearages, and one year in advance, will be presented with the Thrice-a-week *World* for 3 months, or a *World Almanac* for 1899. The Almanac contains a marvelous compendium of useful facts, and a complete history of the Spanish-American war, and a battle calendar.

To New Subscribers.

For $1.00 we will send THE COLUMBIAN until January 1st, 1900, and the Thrice-a-Week *World* for three months, or a copy of the *World Almanac* for 1899. Subscribe now and get the benefit of this liberal offer. tf

We have received the latest sample book of society address cards and are prepared to supply cards with beautiful designs and in great variety to Masons of all degrees, Odd Fellows, Knights of Malta, Knights of the Golden Eagle, Junior O. U. A. M., G. A. R., Union Veteran League, Sons of Veterans, Royal Arcanum, P. O. S. of A. Also cards for Firemen, Christian Endeavors and many other organizations. Call and see samples. tf.

Hotel, Restaurant, Wholesale, Distillers, and Bottlers License blanks for sale at the COLUMBIAN office. 10 cents each or 3 for 25 cents. tf

Calendars for 1899.

Any subscriber to THE COLUMBIAN can get a handsome calendar for 1899 by calling at this office. They are too large to send by mail without danger of breaking. tf.

SALES.

JAN. 7TH. — Robert Buckingham will sell a brick dwelling, with lot 57 by 198 feet, corner of East and Third streets, at the Court House, at one o'clock p. m.

The following letters are held at the Bloomsburg, Pa., postoffice, and will be sent to the dead letter office Jan. 3, 1899:

Mr. Daniel Billiger, Mr. Charles Ives.

CARDS.

L. L. Saunders.

Persons calling for the above letters will please say that they were advertised Dec. 22, 1898.

O. B. MELLICK, P. M.

Governor Hastings has named January 10, 1899, as the date for the execution of George VanHorn, who murdered Mrs. Westcott, at Scranton.

POINTS TO REMEMBER.

WE HAVE

300 styles Sterling Silver Novelties.
40 styles Hand Painted China.
500 styles Gifts in Leather.
500 styles Fine Perfumery.
50 styles Hand Painted blotters, &c.

Huyler's Confections 80 cents.
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BEAUTIFUL ART STUDY FREE
With each dollar purchase of perfume.

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PURELY PERSONAL

Miss Martha Brugler spent Saturday with Danville friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Reber Mears of Rupert visited Mrs. Mary Phillips over Sunday.

Mrs. John Barber and Mrs. William Marr, of Stillwater, were in town on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Hess, of Stillwater, spent Saturday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Magill spent Sunday with the former's parents in Danville.

DeForest Hummer is out again after being confined to the house for nearly a week.

Lloyd Zaner, of Stillwater, attended to business in town Monday.

Mrs. W. W. Black visited her daughter, Mrs. John Mather, in Benton, over Sunday.

Mrs. John S. Gilbert of Philadelphia is in town. She will remain over Christmas.

J. C. Hendershott, clerk at the Exchange Hotel accompanied the excursion to Washington this week.

L. H. Boody, of Rupert, attended the funeral of Mrs. Bishop, a niece of Mr. Lloyd Paxton, at Tom's River, N. J., last week.

A. J. Berninger the enterprising furniture dealer of Mifflinville, was in town attending to business on Friday.

Mrs. W. K. Armstrong, Mrs. George Hassert and Miss Annie Hassert, spent Friday in Wilkesbarre.

C. H. Dorr, editor of the Berwick "Independent," was noticed on our streets Friday.

The proprietor of the COLUMBIAN made a business trip to Philadelphia on Saturday, returning home Monday.

Edward Eyer, druggist of Philadelphia will spend Christmas with his parents on Market street.

William K. Armstrong, local representative of the Baltimore Co-operative and Loan Association, was in Benton on Monday, on business for his company.

P. W. Kline is visiting in this county. He learned the printing trade in Bloomsburg about fifteen years ago. He is at present living in New York City.

Ice of a good quality was harvested by several dealers in town last week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Well! Well!! Well!!!

Look here, Seven Prize Drawings on Monday Jan. 2, New Year's, 1899, at ten o'clock in the morning in store 25 E. Main street, Bloomsburg. 1st prize is a Dewey-Manila new clock of 1898; 2nd, 2 pounds of fancy mixed nuts and one quart of Italian chestnuts; 3rd, 2 pounds of clear toys and 1 pound best macaroni; 4th one peck best roasted peanuts; 5th, one quart can of Italian oil; 6th, one dozen best oranges; 7th, one bunch bananas valued at $2.50 or more.

These premiums will be given to those who spend 25c, they will get a ticket free for drawing; those spending 50c will get a 5c package of chewing gum and one ticket for drawing free. All come and see large stock of pure candy, toys, taffy and fresh and dried fruit. This prize drawing commences to-day. N. MALFAIERA.

Christmas is approaching and as usual W. H. Gilmore's store is the center of attraction for the little folks. An exceptionally large stock of dolls, fire engines, hose carriages, patrols, railroad trains, horses and wagons, wheelbarrows, menageries, doll houses, furniture, carriages, pianos, stoves, banks, puzzles, games, Christmas-tree ornaments and many other articles to make the little ones happy.

Instead of sending to city for fur robes, plush robes and horse blankets, come to me, I will sell at city prices. C. S. Furman, Bloomsburg, Pa.

Fancy calanders from 10c to $1.00 at Bidleman's Book Store.

Call on C. S. Furman and get prices on robes, blankets, trunks and valises before buying elsewhere.

G. E. Grimes, Harness dealer at Light Street wishes to announce to the public that he is again doing business in the store room, one door below the old stand. He has an entirely new stock of Harness, Collars, Robes, Blankets, Whips, etc. The patronage of all is respectfully solicited. 12-1-4t.

Slippers by the hundreds at Lowenberg's. Don't miss seeing the beautiful line. 48c. to 1.50.

Prices low at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Water colors, etchings and colored photographs framed and unframed at Bidleman's Book Store.

The largest line of Bibles, large, small and teacher's, ever shown in Bloomsburg, at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Beautiful Rochester clothing, suits and overcoats at money saving prices at The D. Lowenberg Clothing Store.

Candies for Xmas of all kinds. Mixtures, chocolates, clear toys and candy canes. Special prices to Sunday schools and Churches. Please call and get our prices. G. Anderson, 44 E. Main street., Bloomsburg, Pa.

For the holiday Bust Photographs and Crayons go to R. B. Grotz, the Artistic Photographer.

If you want a suit, or overcoat, hat, cap or furnishing goods for Christmas presents and save money, go to Gross.

Don't fail to see Bidleman's line of books, games, etc.

Books of all kinds at Mercer's.

H. M. Hockman is selling all his large stock of Christmas toys, doll carriages and rocking horses at cost.

It is often puzzling what to give for a Christmas present. Doubts as to what to give and how much to pay are resolved into certainties by a visit to L. E. Whary's.

You can save money by buying your suits and overcoats at Lowenberg's.

Seventy-five different kinds of cups and saucers at L. E. Whary's.

A large line of Juveniles from 5c. to 75c. at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Hats, caps, shirts, trunks and grips at way down prices at Gross'.

Art, beauty and utility are all combined in L. E. Whary's stock of Christmas goods.

Gloves, seal plush caps and beautiful silk mufflers at money saving prices at the store that undersells them all, Lowenberg's.

See the very fine line of Ladies' Boston Shopping Bags and Coin Purses at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Go to R. B. Grotz for the leading Artistic Christmas Novelties.

A big line of stoves and ranges at L. E. Whary's, Main street below Market.

Cut glass makes a beautiful Xmas gift. We sell none but genuine and the finest quality. J. E. Roys, Jeweler.

50 cent ties in puffs, four-in-hand, and tecks reduced to 25 cents at L. Gross'.

A large line of silver plated spoons, knives and forks at L. E. Whary's.

Don't fail to examine the great stock of clothing at Gross'.

We make them as they should be made, and guarantee the style and finish of our Photographs to be absolutely correct. R. B. Grotz, Photographer.

See the beautiful slippers, an enormous assortment 48c. to 1.50 at Lowenberg's.

A very neat and tasty line of Episcopal prayer books and hymnals at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Positively the finest Baccarettes, French and American glass tumblers from 5 cents each to $3.00 a dozen at L. E. Whary's.

Go to R. B. Grotz for the leading Artistic Christmas Novelties.

Pocket knives, razors, scissors and all kinds of cutlery at Peacock's Hardware Store.

Life Size Crayons at R. B. Grotz' Photographer.

See the large, handsome Jardinieres at L. E. Whary's.

Coffee Pots in nickle, agate, copper etc., at Peacock's.

Everything for men at Lowenberg's. Beautiful neckwear 25c. and 50c.

Decorative porcelains for Christmas Gifts. Fine selected specimens from the most famous patterns of the world at L. E. Whary's.

Sterling Silver Hair Brush and Comb for $2.80 and beautifully hand engraved without extra charge at J. E. Roys.

The latest styles—lowest prices and most reliable goods always to be found at The Star Clothing House.

Advice to

Consumptives

There are three great remedies that every person with weak lungs, or with consumption itself, should understand.

These remedies will cure about every case in its first stages; and many of those more advanced. It is only the most advanced that are hopeless. Even these are wonderfully relieved and life itself greatly prolonged.

What are these remedies? Fresh air, proper food and

Scott's Emulsion

of *Cod-Liver Oil with Hypophosphites*. Be afraid of draughts but not of fresh air. Eat nutritious food and drink plenty of milk. Do not forget that Scott's Emulsion is the oldest, the most thoroughly tested and the highest endorsed of all remedies for weak throats, weak lungs and consumption in all its stages.

50c. and $1.00; all druggists.
SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

LARGEST STOCK IN COLUMBIA COUNTY.

We mention a few things:
Hair brush, sterling silver, fine bristles and comb, in handsome case, $2.80 to 6.50.
Mirrors, 5.50, 7.75, 9.00, 10.00.
Combs, 50c to 1.40.
Nail files and button hooks, 25c to 1.50.
Nail brushes, 75c to 2.50.
Whisk brooms, 1.90 to 3.75.
Bonnet brushes, 1.75 to 2.50.
Vaseline jars, cut glass and silver tops, 35c. to 1.00.
Shoe horns, 75c to 1.75.
Tooth brushes, 75c to 2.50.
Curling irons, 90c to 2.40.
Paper knives, 25c to 1.40.
Ink wells and mucilage bottle, 1.25 to 2.50.
Stocking darners, 1.50 up.
Tape measures, 1.50 up.
Scissors, 1.00 up.
Stamp boxes, 15c. up.
Match boxes, 1.00 up.
Arm elastics, 95c up.
Baby rattles, 1.25 up.
Pen knives, 1.00 up.
Key rings, hat markers, coat markers, 40c to 1.00.
Grip checks and bicycle tags, 50c to 1.50.
Emerys 25 cents and up.
The above goods are Sterling Silver and are beautifully hand engraved with monogram, without extra charge.

J. E. ROYS.

Nowhere can you find a more complete line of Chinaware than at L. E. Whary's. Salad dishes, Bread plates, Sugar and Cream sets, China cake plates, Gold decorated olive dishes and hosts of other beautiful things for Christmas Gifts. See our stock and be convinced.

Remember that J. E. Roys engraves beautiful monograms without extra charge on all articles bought at his store.

Peacock & Co., are showing a beautiful line of Chafing dishes, Baker's Crumb trays and brushes, etc.

Gloves! Gloves! Gloves! If you want a nice Xmas present go to Townsend's Star Clothing House.

From now until January 1st. L. E. Whary will sell handsome dinner sets, decorated, not printed, at $12,00, reduced from $14,00, Call and see them.

Buy an Eighme shirt at Gross', no other store in Bloom can sell them.

A great reduction in all kinds of clothing at Gross', must make room for spring goods.

For House Coats, Smoking Jackets and Bath Robes go to Townsend's Star Clothing House.

Solid gold rings, set with opals and other stones for $1.65, any size at J. E. Roys'.

Suspenders from 20c. a pair to 2.50 at Townsend's Star Clothing House.

Buy Jane Hopkins' double seat and knee pants at Gross', no other store in Bloom has them.

Albums cheap at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Shirts, night robes, dress shirts and shirts for all purposes go to Townsend's Star Clothing House.

Carving sets from 75c. to $8.00 at Peacock's Hardware Store.

A fine line of lamps and prices are right at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Xmas! Xmas! Xmas! For real nice presents for gentlemen's wear go to Townsend's Star Clothing House.

You can see a line of Xmas books at Bidleman's Book Store from 14c to $5.00. He will send for any book published at the city prices.

A solid gold Lady's watch makes a beautiful Xmas gift and only cost $16.50 with Elgin or Waltham movement at J. E. Roys'.

Storm coats and reefers. Storm reefers for men and boys at bargains, now selling at Townsend's Star Clothing House.

Toilet cases and fancy cases of all discriptions at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

For your Xmas Hat go to the Star Clothing House.

The latest novelty—Boston shopping bags and purses—just the thing for Christmas gifts, at James H. Mercer's.

Now for cheap candy and Christmas toys at H. M. Hockman's. He is selling out at cost.

ACTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERYWHERE for "The Story of the Philippines" by Murat Halstead, commissioned by the Government as Official Historian to the War Department. The book was written in army camps at San Francisco, on the Pacific with General Merritt, in the hospitals at Honolulu, in Hong Kong, in the American trenches at Manila, in the insurgent camps with Aguinaldo, on the deck of the Olympia with Dewey, and the roar of battle at the fall of Manila. Bonanza for agents. Brimfull of original pictures taken by government photographers on the spot. Large book. Low prices. Big profits. Freight paid. Credit given. Drop all trashy unofficial war books. Outfit free. Address, P. T. Barber, Secy., Star Insurance Bldg., Chicago. 10-27-16t.

THIS STORE'S READY

With its festoons of holly garlanding gracefully every post and arch—appropriately decorated, suggestive of the season. The most generously assorted holiday stocks of useful goods suitable for Christmas gift choosing. Read on.

Christmas Dress Goods.

For personal need or holiday thought, this stock is well ready. Time was when Dress Goods were pushed back to give prominence to trinkety stocks. Now the acceptableness of dress patterns is generally manifest.

45 in. all wool Henriettas, 50c yard.

45 in. Granite Suitings, 75c yard.

52 in. Venetian Suitings, $1 yard.

Kid Gloves for Gifts.

Of course. What more acceptable to any lady? A really good Glove at 85c pair, our special SEAL KID Glove at 1.5 pair, and our reliable line of $1 Gloves, give you a good line to select from, with a line of Children's Kid Gloves.

Christmas Umbrellas.

An Umbrella is an acceptable gift, to either lady or gent. Our line, suitable for both, is complete. At all prices.

Silverware and Jewelry.

These two stocks contain all the newest of the season. Tea spoons, knives and forks, table spoons, hollow ware, sterling silver novelties, cuff buttons, brooches, gold rings, manicure sets, &c.

Fur Collarettes and Scarfs.

For your own needs and gifts, at REDUCED PRICES. A good, warm and stylish gift, for a lady or miss.

DRESS GOODS AND COAT SALE.

We will continue our Special Coat and Dress Goods Sale. This gives you an opportunity to save money on your own needs, and for gift giving. See them. Big reduction in prices.

Christmas Petticoats.

A new line to-day. Something nice. Looks like silk, but not silk. You should see them. Make a useful gift.

Silks for Gifts.

Waist lengths, dress lengths, skirt lengths. All the newest and at reasonable prices.

20 inch taffetas, 75c yard.

20 inch black satin duchess 90c yard.

27 inch black satin rhadames. 96c yard.

Christmas Hosiery.

Hosiery of the reliable, good wearing kinds. Make useful gifts. Our lines of ladies', gents' and children's, offer a good range to choose from, either by the pair or ¼ doz, or 1 doz. pairs.

Blankets, Quilts and Curtains

Are you looking for a gift for a housekeeper? There is usefulness attached to a gift of blankets, quilts, or curtains.

Linens as Gifts.

What more acceptable to any housekeeper than nice linens. This stock is ready for your choosing.

Coats and Capes

Always make acceptable gifts and specially so when you can buy these goods at the BIG REDUCTION IN PRICES we have made on them.

Christmas Handkerchiefs.

Complete lines. All kinds. Plain, embroidered and initials. All prices, from 5c. up. See our special 25c. line.

Jersey and Wool Leggings.

A full line for ladies', misses and children. Just what you need for this weather. A useful gift.

Framed pictures, easels, stools screens, brass tables, jardinieres stands, fancy boxes, perfumery, toilet articles. See our 23c. fine perfumes. Cushion tops, cushions, fur floor rugs, baby carriage robes.

Children's Fur Sets.

New line. Alll kinds.

H. J. CLARK & SON.

I. W. HARTMAN & SON.

The Dry Goods Storekeepers of Bloomsburg Will Eat Their Turkeys on Monday Next. Stores Closed on That Day.

Have not consulted Grocery stores—but suppose they will close part of the day.

This is the week of all others to pick up something for "Santa Claus" to give away!

Our line of 25c articles were never larger: new ones being added daily.

The 5c & 10c Tables are handy to pick up cheap presents.

The praise is again given us on our Shelves of fine China—Single articles of fine dishes run up to $4.50 Cut Glass Deserts 2.25, 2.50 & 3.00. Chocolate Pots 50c, 75c, 1.00, 1.39, 1.69, 2.00 up to 3.50. Cracker Jars from 25c to 2.75, Rose Bowls 10c to 2.50.

The boys and girls are much interested in looking for a Train of Cars, a Hansom with a horse and driver, a fine Engine, a Cart, a Horse, a Mule, a Bear, a Goat, a Parrot, a Rooster, a Table, a Bureau, a Washboard, a Bed, a Sweeper, a Lawn Mower, a Piano 22c to $1.50. Others for Books, Blocks, etc.

The Ladies are handling over the 2,000 Handkerchiefs 2 for 5c up to $2.00.

Don't forget our Cut Price Sale of Coats and Capes, with a big line of Collaretts, (Special Prices).

300 Pocket Books for Children Ladies and Men. 5c to $3.00.

Store open 'till 9 o'clock this week. Saturday night, as late as buyers are in. I. W. HARTMAN & SON.

HARPER'S BAZAR

S. R. Crockett

Katharine De Forest

Mary E. Wilkins

Brander Matthews

A thoroughly up-to date weekly periodical devoted to fashions for women, will be during 1899, as heretofore.

A MIRROR OF FASHIONS

Exclusive models of gowns from Paris, London, and New York will be published each week

The Paris Letter — *By KATHARINE DE FOREST*

The London Letter — *By a Special Correspondent*

The New York Letter — *By ANNIE T ASHMORE*

will aid women in all those little points of fashion matters that are such helps keeping one dressed in good taste.

Cut Paper Patterns of selected gowns will be furnished at a nominal cost.

Outline Patterns will be published free every other week in supplementary form.

COLORED FASHION PLATES

published once a month, will assist women in selecting the proper colors for dress.

FICTION

Kit Kennedy — *By S. R. CROCKETT*

The Meloon Farm — *By MARIA LOUISE POOL*

A Confident To-Morrow — *By BRANDER MATTHEWS*

are three serial stories to appear in 1899 that have seldom been equalled in plot and treatment.

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Marion Harland
Harriet P. Spofford
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The Busy Mother — *By A. W. McCULLOUGH*

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Women Earning a Living — *By HELEN DOUGLAS*

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In addition to these there will be many others, all of instructive value to women.

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hole in it at the top for you to put the things in. Plese bring me a dolls pram. If it is too big to put in my stocking plese tie it outside where I can see it. Dear Santa Claus I do like butter scotch. Plese not forget to bring some, also some nuts and orainges. My teacher tells me you will look at my face to see if I have been good. I am norty sometimes but plese don't forget me, and bring a horse for my little Tommy and a squeak cat for

the baby. I love you very much and ope you will not forget poor little Jimmy who lives at Hope Cottage.

For individuality, and expression of a sweet, womanly nature, the following letter, written by an eleven-year-old girl, could hardly be surpassed:—

My Dear Santa Claus

I have been counting up the weeks to Christmas and am longing for the time to come. You have put something in my stocking lots of times, so please Dear Santa Claus, remember me again. Last year I wanted a dear little baby a real live one you know but I suppose it was too cold, and besides I did not write to you as I am doing now, so it did not come. Please bring me one this year, a little girl if you can. I have saved money enough to buy a cradle, and I can get plenty of flannelette to keep it warm. As babies are so expensive I will not ask for anything else for myself. Please bring a chooky pig for my little Clement. He will be nearly two years old then. Good-bye dear Daddy Christmas, with my best love, hoping you will not forget little Gertie.

P.S.—If you really do manage to bring the baby, please not forget the feeding bottle.

GETTING AN EARLY START.

First Bunny—"Isn't Santa Claus starting rather early this year?"

Second Bunny—"Yes, he is; but goodness, he's got to go clear to Manila!"—Minneapolis Tribune.

Uncontrollable.

"Poor Alice had to give up her bicycle riding. She just could not learn."

"And why not?"

"She was so used to driving a horse that she kept jerking at the handlebars all the time as if they were a pair of reins."—Indianapolis Journal.

Visitor—What kind of a man is your neighbor, Mr. Flint?

Farmer Hornbeak—Wa'al, for one thing, he is so stingy that he won't let bicyclists fill their tires with air from his farm.—Puck.

THE DESTROYING ANGEL.

BY CARL SMITH.

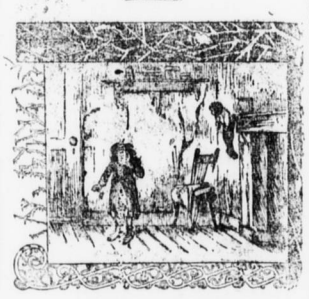
Oh, the whuffy-duff was the prettiest bird
That a toy shop ever knew,
With a great, long tail and with goose-quill wings,
And a glass eye good and true:
But his wings are gone and his tail's pulled out,
And his head is twisted awry,
For the goo-goo has torn him limb from limb,
And has swallowed the whuffy-duff's eye.

The ooglety-dum had a wobbling head,
And a nice, round, curving horn,
And a tail that would almost wag itself,
And a nose turned up in scorn;
But the ooglety-dum isn't scornful now—
He is meek and as sad as can be,
For the goo-goo has torn his short horn off
And has broken his tail in three.

The whank-whank-whank used to squeak her joy—
That is, when properly pressed—
With a voice that was hidden away somewhere
In the depths of her hollow breast;
But I wish you could see the hapless corpse
That is lying here on the bed;
Oh, the whank-whank-whank has a ghastly look
Since the goo-goo tore off her head.

And yet, in spite of her deadly work,
The goo-goo is dear to me;
Though she kill and maim I shall love her still,
And her comrade in crime I'll be,
For when I turned and looked just now
Where she lay in her trundle bed,
She reached me the wreck of the ooglety-dum,
And "Papa" is what she said.
—The Ladies' Home Journal.

IN POVERTY ROW.



One of Them Had to Surrender.

During the revolution a little American privateer stole up on a British line of battle ship in a fog, mistaking her for an East India merchant, and ordered her to strike. When the seventy-four ran out her guns and threatened to blow her puny assailant out of the water, the Yankee skipper stepped to the gangway, and, taking off his hat, said politely: "Oh, very well, sir; if you won't surrender, I will."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Appearance Deceptive.

"You haven't changed much since I saw you last."

"You mistake. When you saw me last I was a Populist, and anti-expansionist and a free silverite. I am now a gold standard Republican expansionist."

"It's on me. What'll you drink?"

"I've quit drinking, too."—Chicago Tribune.

They Need Sympathy.

"Yes," said the young man, "literary work is very fatiguing."

"I should imagine so," replied Miss Cayenne. "When I realize that some authors have to keep their minds on the stuff they write I feel positively sorry for them."—Washington Star.

CHRISTMAS AT KENO.

How Hard Luck Hankins' Tree Was Decorated.

"Speakin of Christmas trees," said Cyclone Murphy as he snuffed a candle on the topmost twig of the Keno Gulch Sunday school tree with his trusty six shooter and then nipped remonstrance in the bud by getting the drop on the Sunday school superintendent, "reminds me of a galoot named Hard Luck Hankins, who lived up on Tenderfoot ridge and who was the biggest kicker that ever kicked. This yere Hard Luck Hankins lived in a cabin on top of the ridge and p'tended ez how he was a miner, but he didn't never seem to mine anything and was ginerally regarded ez a feller without visible means of support. Some folks said he was a road agent and others opined ez how hoss stealin might be the mine he was workin.

"The only thing Keno Gulch ever really knowed him to be doin was puttin up a powerful kick about one thing er another. He allers had some hard luck story to tell, and that was why folks called him Hard Luck Hankins.

"There wasn't a decent lookin tree on top of the hull ridge except one, and that tree was a mighty handsome pine that stood right in front of Hard Luck Hankins' shanty. 'She's my old Christmas tree,' Hankins would growl every time Christmas come around, 'but, dern her ole hide, Santy Claws don't never hang nothin on her fer me.'

"That was jes' Hard Luck's pesky and onery way—allers kickin about somethin—and that handsome tree never havin anything hangin on it fer him seemed to rile him 'specially every year. 'What's the use havin a blame Christmas tree that never don't have nothin hangin on to it?' he'd growl. 'Have a dern good notion to cut her down!'

"This went on year after year, and the boys kep' a-wonderin and a-wonderin how Hard Luck got a livin. One Christmas eve they found out, and it put an end to Hard Luck's quarrel with his big pine Christmas tree.

"Fer the very first Christmas sence Hard Luck had been livin in Keno there was somethin hangin on his Christmas tree.

"What was it?" repeated Cyclone Murphy as he snuffed another candle. "Why, it was old Hard Luck Hankins hisself, and he was—kickin—ez—usual, and kickin with both feet."—Selected.

FATHER CHRISTMAS.

A Suggestion to the Boys For Christmas Celebrations.

Why couldn't our boys get up some holiday plays similar to the immemorial "Father Christmas" play, in which the lads of Merrie England have so much fun? The origin of this play is lost in antiquity, but it deals with knights and their adventures, certain of which challenge and fight the followers of Father Christmas, and are in turn routed, till Father Christmas and the Black Knight cope in mortal combat, the latter, of course, being worsted.

The boys are dressed in fantastic style, with tall paper caps on and paper fringe around their jackets, wearing masks to conceal their identity. They are called the "mummers," and go from house to house of their friends, invariably receiving a kind welcome and a little treat at the end of the performance. They also take up a penny collection, and everybody has a penny for the mummers who afford so much amusement.

In our early history there is abundant scope for the youthful playwrights, and the object of their performances in holiday week might be some charity in which boys are the beneficiaries, such as a treat of "goodies" to a dozen newsboys or bootblacks, to get supplies for a sick boy or the like.

The Indian in our early history is as good as the knight element for a stirring play for mummers—Massasoit and his tribe, in war paint, feathers and blankets, on the one side, and on the other the prim Puritans, in broad brimmed hats and short breeches.

Or the Pocahontas and Powhatan drama, with John Smith, the hero, and a band of cavaliers to make it lively. The boys of Boston Common and the red coated Britishers was an episode to inspire their fraternity of today, and it would be great fun for our laddies in Christmas week to dress up and illustrate the valor of their ancestors, as their English cousins annually commemorate some otherwise forgotten achievement of feudal days.—Philadelphia Record.

The Kissing Ball.

A green ball to suspend over the Christmas dinner table is made by fastening two keg hoops together, one within the other, turning each way like an open globe. Twine princess pine around each hoop and put in sprigs of holly here and there. This indeed is similar to the old "kissing bunch," which is seen in many old fashioned homes in England. Two wooden hoops, one passing through the other, decked with evergreens, in the center of which is hung a "crown" of rosy apples and a sprig of mistletoe. Beneath it there are much kissing and romping and the carol singers stand beneath it and sing their songs.—Selected.

A Turkey's Lament.

Ah, distinctly I remember—
It was only last November
That they chased me through the back yard
And across the old barn floor!
Valiantly and well I fought me
Till at last the villains caught me
And proceeded then to trot me
To the ax beside the door;
But, ashamed, they let me go, for
I was bones and nothing more—
Skin and bones and nothing more.

Now, I see it is December,
And no doubt they will dismember
Me, for all my fatter friends
Have gone to that other shore;
I've grown pale from apprehension,
For of late some marked attention
Makes me think it's their intention
To cut off my legs and serve me
As a reedbird from the store—
Just a reedbird, nothing more!
—Chicago Inter Ocean.

The Hazleton *Sentinel* says the farmers around Conyngham feel like kicking themselves for not selling their potatoes some weeks ago when they were worth from 80 to 90 cents a bushel. They hoped that potatoes would advance with the coming of cold weather and so held on to them. But, owing to the heavy shipments from the West, potatoes dropped to 55 and 60 cents with no prospect of any very substantial advance, and now the farmers who held their crops are mourning. Potatoes were not more than half a crop this year and to only get sixty cents a bushel is rather tough on the farmers who are compelled to make the best of everything to make the two ends meet these times.

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Methodists of Nescopec are erecting a parsonage at a cost of $1,000 Rev. Wormer, a six footer, who is to occupy it, works around the building like a common laborer. He helped to excavate for the foundation, gathered stones for the wall and helped lay them, lathed the rooms and carried the hod. There are very few ministers who would hustle the way Rev. Wormer did.—Hazelton *Sentinel*.

LET ME SAY I have used Ely's Cream Balm for catarrh and can thoroughly recommend it for what it claims. Very truly, (Rev.) H. W. Hathway, Elizabeth, N. J.

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It is said that Ferdinand W. Peck, our Commissioner to the Paris Exposition, is not a man to be disturbed at trifles. During his recent rojourn in Paris an excited bellboy woke him one night by crying that the hotel was ablaze. "How near is the fire?" asked Commissioner Peck. "In this corridor, monsieur, at No. 15." "Well, this room's No. 40," mused the American; "you may call me again when the fire gets to No. 38."

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CHRISTMAS CHEER.

At Christmas play and make good cheer,
For Christmas comes but once a year.
—Tusser.

Be merry all, be merry all!
With holly dress the festive hall;
Prepare the song, the feast, the ball
To welcome merry Christmas.
—W. R. Spencer.

It is the Christmas time:
And up and down 'twixt heaven and earth,
In the glorious grief and solemn mirth,
The shining angels climb.
—D. M. Mulock.

The time draws near the birth of Christ:
The moon is hid; the night is still;
The Christmas bells from hill to hill
Answer each other in the mist.
—Tennyson.

Heap on more wood! the wind is dull,
But let it whistle as it will
We'll keep one Christmas merry still.
—Sir Walter Scott.

This is the time when the very old man
Leaps back to the days of youth;
When brows and eyes wear no disguise,
But flush and gleam with truth.
Oh, then is the time when the soul exults
And seems right heavenward turning;
When we love and bless the hand we press,
When the Christmas log is burning!
—Cook.

We speak of a merry Christmas
And many a happy New Year,
But each in his heart is thinking
Of those that are not here.
—Longfellow.

They who do their souls no wrong,
But keep at eve the faith of morn,
Shall daily hear the angel song,
"Today the Prince of Peace is born!"
—James Russell Lowell.

CHRISTMAS IN THE ARMY.

How the Soldier Boys Celebrated During the Sixties.

The Army of the Potomac, under General George B. McClellan, was camped about Washington from August, 1861, to March, 1862, and most of it in Virginia as far down the Potomac as Alexandria, as far up as Chain bridge and as far out toward General Beauregard and his tenacious Americans as Munson's hill. Early in December word came to the soldiers that railroad and express companies would carry free packages intended for Christmas presents and dinners for the soldiers.

That year there was a Christmas dinner for every mess. From the rich homes of the large cities had come the best in the market. From tens of thousands of farms had come the daintiest dishes that mothers, wives, sisters, daughters and sweethearts could prepare.

On Christmas, 1863, the army was shivering along the rivers Rappahannock and Rapidan, and as far out as Culpeper Court House. It was too cold, and the men were too poorly housed to enjoy the day. It was not a holiday to many—a day of misery, instead. That was the coldest Christmas the south had seen for 50 years, and it has not seen one like it since.

Christmas dinners were the order of the day in 1864. The army was strung along behind fortifications from Richmond to below Yellow House, on the Weldon railroad, a distance of nearly 40 miles. The sanitary and Christian commissions had arranged to supply the army with a Christmas dinner. Few men were overlooked. Except that in 1861, it was the happiest Christmas for the Union army since the trouble began. There were many signs that the next Christmas would be enjoyed at home, and so it was by all who escaped the hot times from March 29 to the evening of April 9, after Grant and Lee met at Appomattox.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Christmas Table Decoration.

A very pretty decoration for the table at the Christmas dinner is a tiny Christmas tree. Candied fruits and gilded and silvered walnuts make it bright and seasonable, while a little frosting with the powder that comes for the purpose makes it a beautiful object under the glitter of the lights. The tree will be trimmed and prepared for you by any florist and should be planted in a fancy low vase or dish. The picturesque dwarf evergreens that come from Japan are most effective when used in this way, and yet they are such costly treasures that few who own them are willing to make table decorations of them. —Philadelphia Ledger.

Adorning the Christmas Tree.

The foliage of a Christmas tree may be brushed here and there with mucilage and then sprinkled with common salt and a very pleasing result is obtained. A pretty drapery for the tree is made by cutting long strips, about four inches wide, of tissue paper, then cutting it closely, partly, but not entirely, across the widths, making fringes. If the strips be dampened and held over a hot stove, the fringed edges will curl and look quite ornamental.—Omaha Bee.

Where Toys Are Made.

The greatest toy producing districts are the Thuringia mountains, sometimes called the Thuringia forests; the ancient city of Nuremberg, in Bavaria, and the region of the Erzgeberg mountains. The most interesting of these localities is the Thuringia mountain district. Situated in upper Saxony, its time and industry are entirely given up to the production of playthings in papier mache, china, glass, wool, wood and fur.—Baltimore Herald.

A Christmas Eve Idyl.

The hour was late; the lights burned low,
The fire but half dispelled the gloom;
A youth and maid, with cheeks aglow,
Sat silent in the room.

'Twas Christmas eve, and half in jest
They would not say good night, because
They'd vowed to watch and do their best
To see old Santa Claus.

Slow ticked the clock; they said no word;
The solemn midnight hour drew near,
And still no telltale sound was heard
Of Santa coming near.

Twelve struck; and then, all suddenly,
A guest came in, surprised the pair;
It was not Santa Claus, not he,
But Cupid that stood there!
—New York World.

Crippled at Play.

IMPRUDENCE ON THE BALL FIELD ENDS IN MISERY.

Exposure Causes the Downfall of Many Athletes
The Story of a Man who was Stricken.

From the Free Press, Detroit, Mich.

"You talk about ball playing," said Charles W. Churchill, of 66 Miami Ave., Detroit, the well known traveling salesman, who sells computing scales throughout Michigan, "I will never forget the experience I had while playing this game two years ago.

"Like all young men I played ball, in fact during my college days I was quite a ball player. I had all the qualifications to be a professional player, but instead, secured a place as a traveling salesman.

"Two years ago while spending a day in a small junction town in this State, some of us traveling men went in the suburbs to see a scrub ball game.

"Well, to make the story short I got into the game in less than five minutes and was doing more talking and running than I had for years.

"I became all warmed up and had my coat, vest and hat off. Every time I made a circuit of the bases I would lay down on the ground and try to cool off.

"This was a dangerous thing to do in my heated state, and the next morning I could scarcely walk. The physician that was called, said I had rheumatism. I was taken home on a cot.

"For nine weeks I stayed in my room and for seven of those weeks I was on my back in the bed.

"The day I played that game I weighed 148 pounds, and when I commenced to be well enough to be out again, I only weighed 116 pounds.

"I took nearly everything that has ever been prescribed for rheumatism, and had the best of medical attendance but was not benefited much. I was told that I would probably be crippled for years.

"I had about given up all hopes of ever being able to go on the road again, when I read an article in my paper about a case of rheumatism almost identical with my own that had been cured by Dr Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

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OLD GINGER FINGERS.

The New York *Sun* prints the following amusing article concerning the battle of Gettysbug:

"The artillery fire at Gettysburg," said a gunner of the old war, "was simply magnificent. I was in an Ohio battery, posted on Cemetery Hill. We were running short of ammunition, when Gen. Meade, dismissing his staff below, rode with a single orderly to our exposed position. The boys were all at white heat and in a state of frenzy, because the ammunition called for had not come. They heard the quiet man on horseback say repeatedly to the Captain that the hill must be held at all hazards, ammunition or no ammunition. This vexed them, but they knew that the officer, whoever he was, spoke the truth, and they began to collect the unexploded shells that had been fired at them from the Confederate batteries.

"There were a great many of these scattered over our part of the hill, and when Gen. Meade comprehended what the boys were doing he was greatly pleased. He dismounted, and in a quiet sort of a way proceeded to supervise the collection of shells. He was in fatigue dress and wore no shoulder straps, and none of the men recognized him. They thought he was some ordinance officer, and finally, when he turned his horse over to his orderly and proceeded to carry shells himself, they did not resent his supervision. As a rule the shells were heavier than the General expected, and he did not compare with the stalwart artillerymen rushing about with the recklessness and energy of madmen.

"John Snicker was one of the best men in the battery, but was rough in speech and action. Seeing, as he supposed, a Lieutenant or Captain from the outside stooping to pick up a shell he pushed the officer aside with the remark: 'Get out of this, old Ginger Fingers! Your mind's willin', but your body's weak, and you are in the way.' Meade, surprised and amused, stood aside. A few minutes later Gen. Warren and staff rode up for a conference with Meade, and the cat was out of the bag.

"Snicker was so overwhelmed with confusion that he almost had a fit. The Sergeant tried to comfort him with the assurance that Gen. Meade would excuse informality under such circumstances, but John insisted that what scared him was that he never came so near kicking a man in his life without doing it as he did Gen. Meade when he stooped to pick up the shell. He was grieved to think he hadn't recognized Meade, and was in a panic whenever he thought about what might have happened had he acted on the impulse and kicked the General commanding the army."

"No, indeed; Eveyln would not marry a man for his money."

"If I couldn't get his money while we were engaged," she exclaimed, earnestly, "I'd let it go!"

And yet the world, tenacious of its fond delusions, insists that women are sometimes mercenary.—Detroit *Journal.*

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Levari Facias, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale, at the Court House, in Bloomsburg, Pa., on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 1899

at ten o'clock a. m., all that certain messuage tenement and tract of land, situate in the Town of Bloomsburg, County of Columbia and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point on the southerly side of Port Noble street, at a corner of land of the Pennsylvania Canal Company, and running thence north forty-six degrees forty-five minutes east, one hundred and thirty one feet to a stake, in the westerly side of a twenty-foot private street; thence south forty-three degrees fifteen minutes east, one hundred and thirty-nine feet to the line of the Pennsylvania Canal; thence south forty-six degrees forty-five minutes west, one hundred and eighty-three feet to the line of land of the Pennsylvania Canal Company; thence along the same north twenty-two degrees thirty-eight minutes west, one hundred and forty-seven and five-tenths feet to the place of beginning, whereon is erected a

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EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE.

ESTATE OF WM. H. SNYDER, LATE OF BLOOMSBURG, PA., DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary in above estate have been granted to the undersigned, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims, or demands, to present the same without delay.

SARAH M. SNYDER, Executrix.
Bloomsburg, Pa., Dec. 15, 1898. 6t

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

The undersigned Auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County, to distribute the funds in the hands of the Administrator of Susanna C. Hayman, late of Orange township, deceased, as shown by his first and final account, will sit to perform his duties at the office of C. W. Miller, Esq., on Saturday, January 7th, 1899, at 2 o'clock p. m., when and where all persons interested are requested to present their claims against said estate or be debarred form a share of the same. CLEM R. WEISS,
12-15 4t. Auditor.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual election by the stockholders of the Farmers' National Bank, of Bloomsburg, Pa., to choose a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the Bank on Tuesday, January 10th, 1899, between the hours of two and four o'clock in the afternoon.

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TUESDAY, DEC. 27, 1898,

At ten o'clock a. m.

Late the homestead property of the late John Zaner, deceased, located at Zaner's station, on the B. & S. R. R., bounded and described as follows, viz:

LOT NO. 1.—Beginning at a stake, corner in line of land of Daniel Whitenight, and in east line of P. & S. R. R.; thence north seventy and one-half degrees east ninety-one and eight-tenths perches along land of said Whitenight to a corner, in line of land of James and Warren Coleman; thence along said Coleman land north forty-seven degrees west fifty-three and six-tenths perches to a white oak; thence along same land and other land of the John Zaner estate, north twenty-three and one-half degrees west one hundred and seventy-nine perches to a stone corner; thence along same Zaner estate seventeen and one-half degrees east forty perches to a stone corner, on east side of B. & S. R. R.; thence along land of Daniel McHenry north seventy-two and three-quarters degrees west seven perches to a stake; thence along land of said McHenry south thirty-nine degrees west forty perches to a stake; thence along land of T. H. Edgar south thirty-four degrees west seventy-one and seven-tenths perches to a stake in the creek; thence south thirteen degrees west twentytwo and six-tenths perches to a corner stake; thence south one-half degree east fifty-nine perches to an original maple corner, common corner, of land of T. H. Edgar, Ellis Stoker, and said Zaner estate; thence along land of Ellis Stoker south forty degrees east eighty perches to a corner; thence south twenty-five degrees east three perches to a corner in public road, near the west end of bridge across the main branch of Fishingcreek; thence west fifty and three-quarters degrees east twenty-nine and five-tenths perches to spike in public road, and in line of B. & S. R. R. (right of way); thence north eighty-three and one-half degrees east four perches across said railroad to a stake; thence along the said railroad south six and a quarter degrees east fifty-six and four-tenths perches to the place of beginning, containing

137 ACRES

and one hundred and thirty-four perches, strict measure, also belonging to same tract.

LOT NO. 2.—Beginning at an original and common corner of land of Whitenight, Wm. Stoker, Ellis Stoker, and said Zaner estate, large butternut witness; thence north twenty-five degrees west along land of Ellis Stoker, forty-six perches to a corner in public road, near west side of bridge, above mentioned in lot No. 1; thence north fifty and three-quarters degrees east twenty-nine and five-tenths perches to a spike in said road; thence along B. & S. R. R. south six and a quarter degrees east twenty-nine and eight-tenths perches to a corner; thence along lot of said Railroad Company south fifty-five and three-quarters degrees west seven and five-tenths perches to a corner; thence south twenty degrees east twenty-four and nine-tenths perches to a stake, in line of land of Daniel Whitenight; thence south seventy and one-half degrees west nine and five-tenths perches across Fishingcreek, to the place of beginning, containing

5 ACRES

and forty-three perches, strict measure, also belonging to same tract.

LOT NO. 3.—Beginning at a stone corner of the Zaner farm, and land of James and Warren Coleman; thence north sixty-three and three-quarters degrees east sixty-three perches to a stone corner; thence along same land north twenty-seven and one-half degrees west one hundred and seven and five-tenths perches to corner of Golder's land; thence along Golder's land south sixty-three and three-quarters degrees west twenty-one perches; thence along land of Daniel McHenry south sixteen and three-quarters degrees west fourteen and five-tenths perches to a stone corner; thence along land of said Zaner estate south seventeen and one-half degrees west forty perches to stone corner; thence along the same south twenty-three and one-half degrees east sixty-nine and two-tenths perches to the place of beginning, containing

35 ACRES

and twenty perches, altogether containing 178 ACRES and 37 PERCHES, upon which are erected

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ALSO,

The following tract of land, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a stone, formerly black oak, corner of land of Jacob Karns; thence by land of said Jacob Karns north seventeen and one-half degrees east one hundred and sixty-three and five-tenths perches to a stone; thence by land of William Ikeler south seventy-six and one-half degrees east seventy-four and five-tenths perches to a post; thence by land of Ellis S. Stoker south eighty degrees west one hundred and thirty-eight perches to a post; thence by land of John and Sylvester Pealer south eighty-three and a quarter degrees west one hundred and seven perches to the place of beginning, containing

79 ACRES

and one hundred and six perches, strict measure, and also adjoining thereto and part thereof, a tract of land, bounded and described as follows, to wit: On the north and east by land of John Zaner, south and southwest by lands of Geo. Pealer, and public road, leading from Fishingcreek to Rohrsburg, containing

40 PERCHES,

more or less. Altogether containing 79 ACRES and 146 perches, the same being vacant.

TERMS OF SALE:—Twenty per cent of the purchase money to be paid at the striking down of the property; twenty per cent. April 1, 1899, at which time possession will be given, and the balance January 1st following, with interest from April 1, 1899.

WM. CHRISMAN,
LLOYD ZANER,
12-1-3t EXECUTORS.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the policy holders of the Briarcreek Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company of Lime Ridge, Pa., will be held at the hall, Centre Grange, No. 56, P. of H. on January 9, 1899, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. for the election of twelve directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. H. H. BROWN,
12-8 te Secretary.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Bloomsburg, Pa., for the ensuing year will be held at the office of the Bank on Tuesday, January 10th, 1899, between the hours of nine and twelve o'clock a. m.
12-15-4t. E. B. TUSTIN, Cashier.

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Legal advertisements on page 7.

Harry Wilbur is home from Dickinson College to spend the holidays with his parents.

Rings for 25 cents and up at Hess Bros.

Rev. M. E. McLinn addressed the meeting in Y. M. C. A. Hall Sunday afternoon.

A beautiful art study free with each dollar purchase of Perfumery at Rishton's.

Diphtheria largely prevails in Shamokin and vicinity, and vigorous measures are being used to combat the disease.

Creasy & Wells, the enterprising lumber dealers, are making distribution among their friends of a nice large calendar for 1899.

Solid 14K gold watches, $15,00 and up at Hess Bros.

The selection of suitable men for members of the Town Council, at the coming Spring election, is already engaging the attention of local politicians.

Royal Teplitz ware and china at Hess Bros.

Among the recent bookings of the local Opera House management is the great Military play, "The Cherry Pickers"

Guaranteed time keeping watches $2.50 at Hess Bros.

The Bloomsburg mail carriers are aware that Christmas is approaching. Its a good time for the substitute, the regulars will want a day or two off no doubt

W. S. Rishton's is the best and cheapest place to buy sterling silver novelties.

We have been informed by one of our leading business men that the Christmas trade is holding its own with that of last year.

W. S. Rishton is sole agent for Huyler's candy.

J. H. Maize, agent of the Continental Insurance Company, of New York, presented his friends and patrons with a beautiful calendar last week.

Large assortment of Columbia Graphophone records at Hess Bros. Make your selections early.

Mrs. Emma L. Fruit, widow of Dr. John C. Fruit, has been granted a pension for herself and two children through Guy Jacoby, pension attorney.

Albums and fancy cases at closing out prices at Hess Bros.

Santa Claus, Father Time and Uncle Sam, will cut quite a figure in many of the entertainments of the coming children's Christmas festival.

Sterling silver novelties 15 cents and up at Hess Bros.

Congressman Monroe H. Kulp has just purchased 5000 acres of land along White Deer Creek which includes the camp and hunting territory of the Nippenose Hunting Club.

Our stock of books, bibles, pocket books, games, fancy goods and complete line of stationery will be sold out regardless of cost, Hess Bros, Jewelers.

The public schools of Bloomsburg will be closed next week.

When you are nervous and sleepless, take Hood's Sarsaparilla. It makes the nerves strong and gives refreshing sleep.

For Kodaks, Cameras and supplies, go to Hess Bros. Sole agents for Eastman goods.

The marriage of Ex-County Superintendent J. S. Grimes, of Lightstreet and Dr. Honora Robbins of this town will take place this evening.

Solid gold and gold filled watches from $8.50 up at Hess Bros.

The Normal students, excursion to Washington, D. C, left on Monday in charge of Prof. J. P. Welsh. About one hundred and twenty-five accompanied it.

Basket ball appears to have lost a great deal of its excitement and enthusiasm at the Normal School. If the team was a poor one we could understand it, but the organization compares favorably with those of former years.

Bibles and books at closing out prices at Hess Bros.

The Till Family Concert Company gave a first-class entertainment in the Presbyterian Church Saturday evening. The music of the swinging harps, imitating Trinity and Westminster church chimes, and the vocal solos of Miss Mildred Till, were exceptionally fine.

Beautiful hand painted china at reasonable prices at W. S. Rishton's.

The middle of the street was the best place to walk on Tuesday. The rain of Monday night freezing as fast as it fell, made it almost impossible to walk on the pavement without holding fast to a building.

Clark Sheep has opened a barber shop in Ent building, at the rear of the Farmers National Bank. He has been conducting a shop at Orangeville for the past year, but he says the scarcity of work in his line at that village necessitated a change.

We have had so many applications for calendars from people who are not subscribers to the COLUMBIAN, nor patrons of this office, that we are obliged to announce that we have no calendars for general distribution to the public. We have them only for our subscribers and customers.

In its comment on business *Dun's Review* says in its issue of December 17. "December is adding a surprising close to the most surprising year of American history. November had surpassed all other months of the century in volume of business and production, and thus far December is doing even better, in payments through clearing houses, in railroad earnings, in foreign trade, in output of pig iron, and in activity and strength of securities. But that is saying a great deal, for in all these and other tests November was far the best month of American financial history."

Largest line of Sterling Silver Novelties at Hess Bros.

The shooting season closed last week and from now on the local nimrods will be compelled to content themselves with recounting the tales of their prowess. This does not mean that cotton tails and quail can disport themselves with impunity for there are plenty of hunters who apparently know no more about game laws than the proverbial hog does about a holiday. They will be abroad as long as there is game to shoot if the game warden keeps out of the way. But no true sportsman thinks of shooting game out of season.

The season just closed, according to the local hunters, has been an unusually good one for birds, but not so good for rabbits. Quail have been very plentiful, but the hunters have not been so fortunate in bringing them down as in former years. Either the birds have been livelier this year or the hunters have not been able to get onto their curves, for every hunter that has come in has told of starting up plenty of covies, but somehow the majority of them managed to get away.

Notes from Espy.

W. E. Dietrich is seriously ill with an attack of La Grippe.

J. M. Lehman and Nevin McKamey, who were dangerously injured by a recent runaway accident, have sufficiently recovered from their wounds to be able to be out again.

Miss Grace McKamey is confined to the house by sickness.

Jacob Stauffer has changed his place of residence from Espy to Stillwater.

Miss Fannie Kline is able to be out again, having been confined to the house by illness.

Frank Edgar of New York, but formerly of this place, was a visitor to town on Sunday.

Wm. Naugle and wife have gone to house-keeping in the old Whitmire house.

A Christmas entertainment will be held in the Lutheran Church this Christmas Eve.

Mrs. Frank Rice has returned from a six weeks visit to Bangor, Easton, and other places.

Ralph Aul is again with us, having spent several weeks in Scranton.

FLORIDA.

Each year witnesses a marked increase in the popularity of Florida as a Winter resort. Its climate is perfect, and with the improvements which have recently been made, it has become a veritable paradise for Winter tourists.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged for its usual series of fortnightly tours to Jacksonville during the season. January 24, February 7 and 21, and March 7 are the dates selected. The parties will travel between New York and Jacksonville in special trains of Pullman dining and sleeping cars, and the rate includes, for the first three tours, transportation, Pullman berth, and meals on special train in each direction. Two weeks will be allowed in Florida, affording ample time to visit the principal points of interest, including a trip to Cuba. Rate for the last tour covers transportation only returning, but tickets for this tour will be good to return by regular trains until May 31, 1899

Rate: New York, $50; Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, $48; Erie, $54.85; Pittsburg $53, and proportionate rates from all other points on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

For itineraries and full information apply to Ticket agents, or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Philadelphia.

Christmas Tide.

Only a few days more and the most joyful season of the year will be upon us again. Hundreds of homes are preparing for the occasion and the little ones are looking forward with joy and expectancy. Nearly all the churches are rehearsing special Christmas music, while mysterious packages are being smuggled into homes. Families having loved ones in the army are preparing boxes to be forwarded to them and the woods are being scoured by Christmas tree hunters. Christmas is the happiest season of the year for young and old folks alike.

Mother, father, friends, daughters, sons, lovers, and all classes of people are wondering what to buy. It is quite likely that we have overdone the Christmas time and its incident giving. It is our American way to be generous, profuse and even extravagant, and so like "treating" in order to "keep our end up," we sometimes go beyond our depth in either following the dictates of fashion or obeying the promptings of the heart.

There is a propriety both of sentiment and tradition in the exchange of family gifts; certain near friends there are whom we should remember in our Christmas plans; and surely everyone able to give at all should remember in some way the unfortunate.

But there is no excuse in making these gifts an unwarrantable burden—neither in the sense of time, expense nor effort, save only where the element of self sacrifice is a joy to the giver, and never a source of secret repining. The mother who saves up to make her little ones happy has a return within herself beyond gross price. But even she should remember that a child will enjoy a single gift, if it is something that has been much desired, as much as a large number of gifts. We can have no real pleasure in the year's greatest festival if we go beyond either our means or strength in its celebration. What ever the size of our incomes. if we have any at all, we can have our Christmas tree, our gift making and our feast, the only pains being to guage the character of these several features exactly to the length of our purses, with no loophole for after worry or uneasy conscience.—*Ex.*

The little town of Montana, north of Centralia, says the Ashland *Local*, is suffering with a typhoid fever epidemic. In one family two members have already died, and the third is reported in a dangerous condition, while several other cases are reported.

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A physician would ask if you had rheumatism, a dull pain or ache in the back or over the hips, stomach trouble, desire to urinate often, or a burning or scalding in passing it; if after passing there is an unsatisfied feeling as if it must be at once repeated, or if the urine has a brick dust deposit or strong odor.

When these symptoms are present, no time should be lost in removing the cause.

Delay may lead to gravel, catarrh of the bladder, inflamation, causing stoppage, and sometimes requiring the drawing of the urine with instruments, or may run into Bright's Disease, the most dangerous stage of kidney trouble.

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However, if you prefer to first test its wonderful merits, mention THE COLUMBIAN and write to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. for a sample bottle and book telling all about it, both sent absolutely free by mail.

Robert Buckingham will sell at public sale, on January 7th, 1899, the property on the corner of East and Third streets, at the Court House, at one o'clock p. m. 3t22

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Visit E. M. Savidge's Store before you select your Xmas Candies.

You will be surprised at his wonderfully low prices for such pure and fine grade of goods.

The 25c. Chocolates and Bon Bons are the peers of others' 40c. grades.

Lowney's celebrated Chocolates and Bon Bons, 50c. and 60c. a lb. No better made.

Mixtures, 10c. to 60c. a lb.

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Read the answer in our windows. Good perfumery—always acceptable—appropriate—sensible. New and delicate odors made by Rieger, the California perfumer.

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Ladies' pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, ½ in. hem. Excellent value at 10c each.

Stamped Doylies, large, new line, from 1c. to 48c. each, and a full line of new embroidery silks, in the desirable shades, at 2 for 5c.

In leather goods we have purses and pocket books, 3c to $2.75 each.

Belts, from 10c to $1.50 each.

Satchels, at 56c, 98c, to $5.00 each.

Decorated China, useful and ornamental, 5c to $2.75 each.

Ladies' fur cluster boaz, $1.75 to $5.00 each.

Dolls and toys in profusion, 5c to $8.50.

Christmas tree ornaments are selling rapidly. Make your selection while the assortment is complete. 1c to 10c each.

Agency for Butterick Fashions.

December Styles now ready.

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For Next Week

We have to announce the beginning of OUR ANNUAL MUSLIN UNDERWEAR SALE.

On Tuesday morning January 3d we place on sale all muslin, Cambric and Lawn undergarments that show traces of excessive handling, that possess dust marks from window display and those that show Wrinkles and mussings from continued showing. The prices that will prevail on these will come pretty close to touching the values known as HALF PRICES.

We invite correspondence relative to this sale and will gladly submit garments for your inspection—paying the express. We do this knowing that quality and prices will compel the final selection.

The January Clearing Sales.

Affecting generally the stocks of
Household Linens
Dress Goods
Women's suits and wraps
Silk waists
Underwear(Muslin and Knit)
Blankets and Comforts
Domestic Cottons
Bed furnishings.

The coming January sales are the features that illumine the mercantile horizon of this store's New year. The efforts of this establishment is now being directed toward making them them superior in bargain elements than anything that has gone before in our past. During the next month the columns of the news journals will be replete with much mercantile fiction under the guise of "Bargain News." We would suggest that you watch this space for items of interest to every economically minded shopper. The foundation of them will be Truth, though they may lack verbal explosives. A "Bargain" will reach its full dictionary sense- " sometimes under M value. A "quarter A "third or a "half off will signify that proportion of reduction from the regular price.

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THE BIG STORE HOLIDAY SHOPPING HEADQUARTERS

The Christmas crowds in this store's big Toy Department (on the fourth floor) have been great and they increase as Christmas draws nearer. Come in the mornings, if convenient, in your own interest, but come when you will you will find our equipment for serving immense crowds of people equal to almost any demand.

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